# THE ALL-NEW TENCHI MUYŌ!

## Family Affair

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You can call Tenchi Masaki a lot of things, but you can't call him lonely. After all, the befuddled teenager shares close quarters with space pirate Ryoko, alien princesses Ayeka and Sasami, mad genius Washu, ditzy galactic cop Mihoshi, and a houseful of other friends, enemies, and hangers-on. But there's one person who hasn't been a part of Tenchi's hectic life: his mother, who died when he was a little boy...or so he's always thought.

Imagine Tenchi's shock when, one ordinary afternoon, his mother comes walking up the road to the Masaki shrine! Tenchi is thrilled to have her back after so many years, and she's eagar to make up for lost time by spoiling him rotten. But when Ryoko and Ayeka try to laarn the full story behind this miraculous family reunion, they run into deadly trouble. With Ayeka shut up in Washu's lab and Ryoko drifting hopelessly through space, who can save Tenchi from a dose of not-quite-motherly love?

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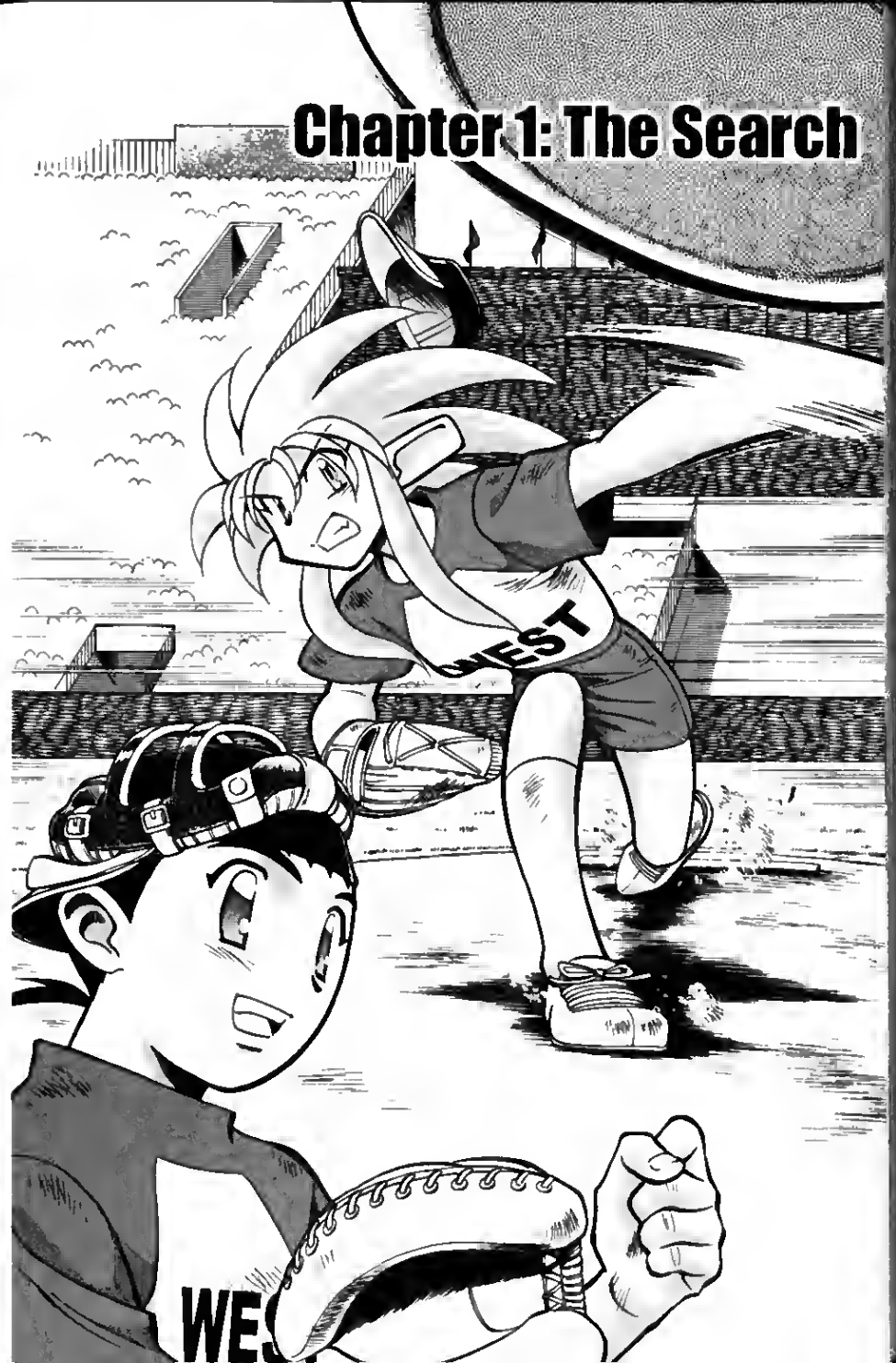
# Chapter 1: The Search



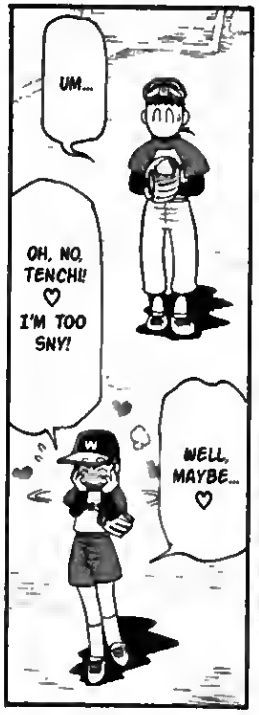
SIGH...
I GUESS GREAT PLAYERS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.
I HEARD TEAMS WERE PLAYING HERE THESE DAYS...
OH! THEY'RE PLAYING, THEY'RE PLAYING!
THUD

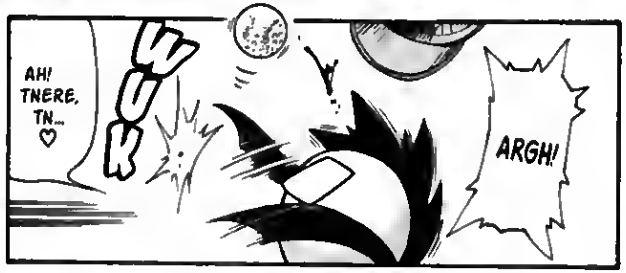
NOW LET'S GET STARTED!
WEST
WEST

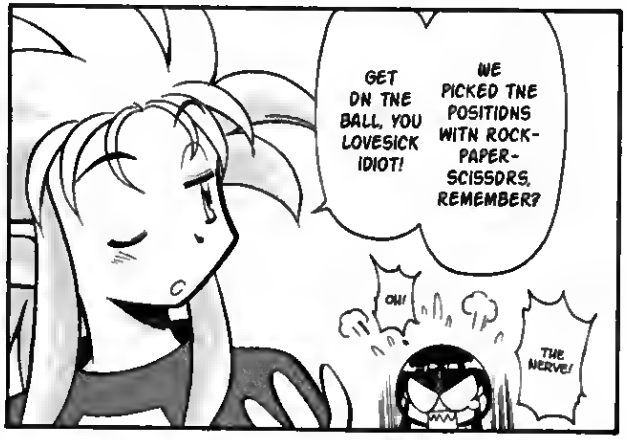
HEH...
THE PITCHER IS THE MOST GLAMOROUS PLAYER IN BASEBALL. ♡
IF I MAY SAY SO, IT'S A POSITION *MADE* FOR NOBILITY LIKE MYSELF.
WEST

BESIDES...
SHE'S

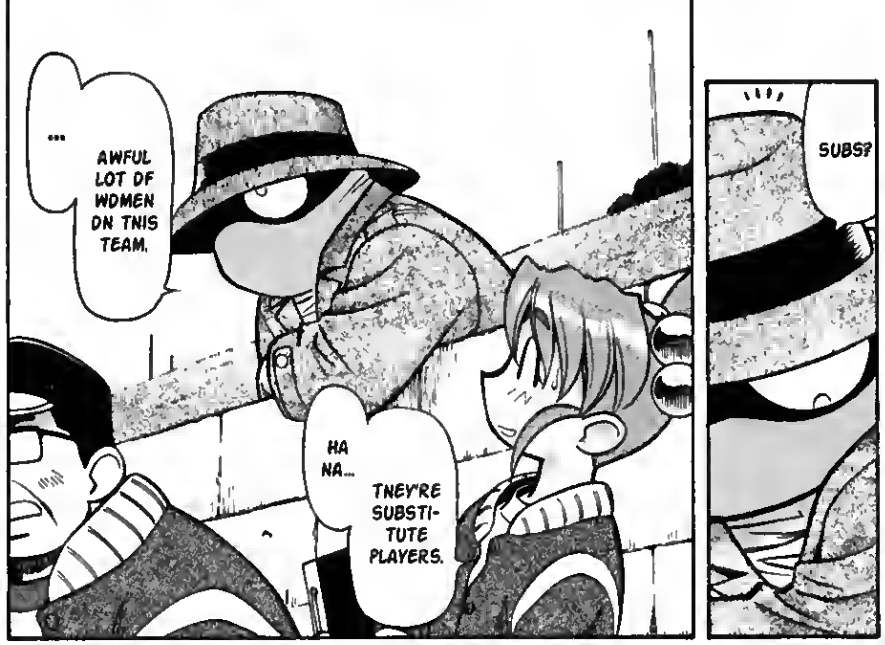
...THEY SAY THE PITCHER AND CATCHER ARE LIKE A MARRIED COUPLE...
OH, TENCHI! I'M THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE GALAXY!
I'M THE LUCKY ONE, AYEKA. NOW SHOW ME THAT BEAUTIFUL FACE OF YOURS...


UM...
OH, NO, TENCHI! ♡ I'M TOO SHY!
WELL, MAYBE... ♡


AH! THERE, TH... ♡
WUK
ARGH!


GET ON THE BALL, YOU LOVESICK IDIOT!
WE PICKED THE POSITIONS WITH ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS, REMEMBER?
OW!
THE NERVE!




...
AWFUL LOT OF WOMEN ON THIS TEAM.
HA HA...
THEY'RE SUBSTI-TUTE PLAYERS.
SUBS?

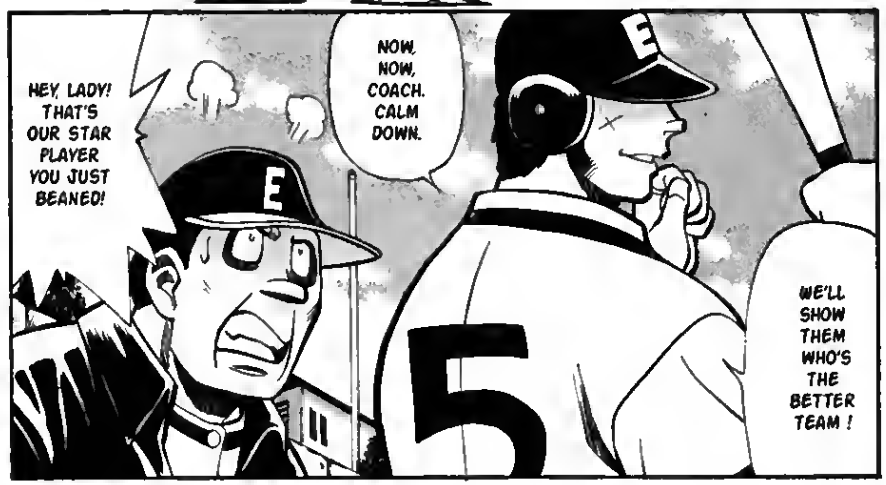
THE PLAYERS FROM MY SHOPPING DISTRICT ALL GOT FOOD POISONING AND FELL SICK.
THE COACH ASKED US TO FILL IN FOR THEM.
THAT'S THE STORY, HUH?

THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PLAY THEIR RIVALS FROM THE SHOPPING DISTRICT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE TRAIN STATION.
SUCH A FOOLISH ACCIDENT. WEST TEAM. DO YOU ACCEPT YOUR DEFEAT? HMMM?
HA! WE HAVE A STRONG SUBSTITUTE BENCH! YOU'D BETTER BE PREPARED, EAST TEAM!
I SEE. I SEE...AND THIS GAME WILL DECIDE WHO GETS TO USE THE FIELD FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.

LOOKS LIKE WEST TEAM IS DOOMED ANYWAY...
LOOK, MISTER! IT'S STARTING!
PLAY BALL!
LET'S GET STARTED!
NOW FOR MY VERY FIRST PITCH! ♡
HI-YAH!
WOOSH
KONK

I DID IT, TENCHI! ♡
I FELLED THE ENEMY IN ONE MAGNIFICENT ATTACK!
DAKKA
SHK
SHK
SHK

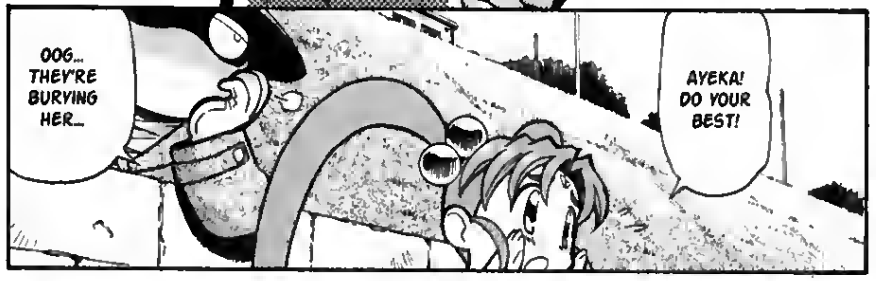
LOOK... YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO DEFEAT THE BATTER. THROW TO MY GLOVE.
OH, SO THAT'S HOW YOU PLAY!
HA HA HA! OOPS!

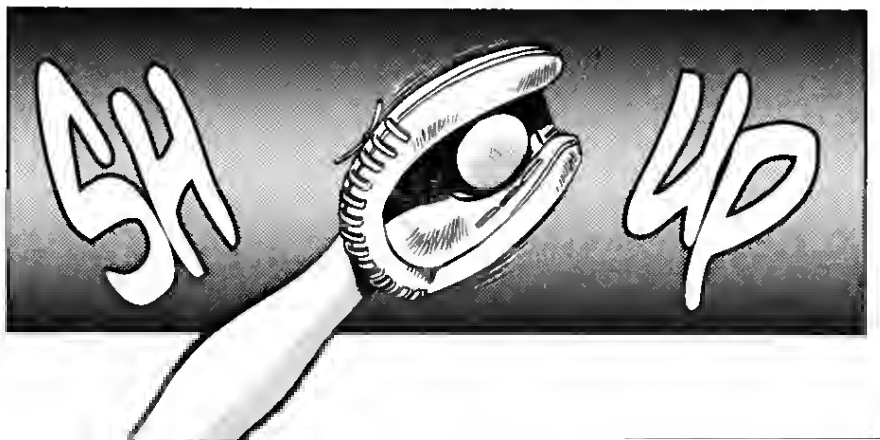

HEY, LADY! THAT'S OUR STAR PLAYER YOU JUST BEANED!
NOW, NOW, COACH. CALM DOWN.
WE'LL SHOW THEM WHO'S THE BETTER TEAM!

WHOA! THAT...THAT BATTER...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, COACH?
HEH HEH HEH
IT CAN'T BE... NO, THERE'S NO MISTAKE! IT'S HARADA, THE PRO WHO WAS KICKED OUT OF THE MAJOR LEAGUES FOR BAD BEHAVIOR!
SWU?
IS HE GOOD?
SWU?
GOOD? LAST YEAR HE HIT 24 HOME RUNS IN JUST TWO MONTHS!
WOW! AND THAT'S...
WHO?
KURAMOCHI, WHO GOT BANNED FROM THE MAJORS FOR TAKING BRIBES!
KISHIWADA, WHO QUIT TO TAKE OVER HIS FAMILY RAMEN STAND!
YOSHIMURA, WHO GOT FIRED FOR FOOLING AROUND WITH THE OWNER'S DAUGHTER! HE'S QUICK ON HIS FEET, BUT FASTER WITH THE LADIES!

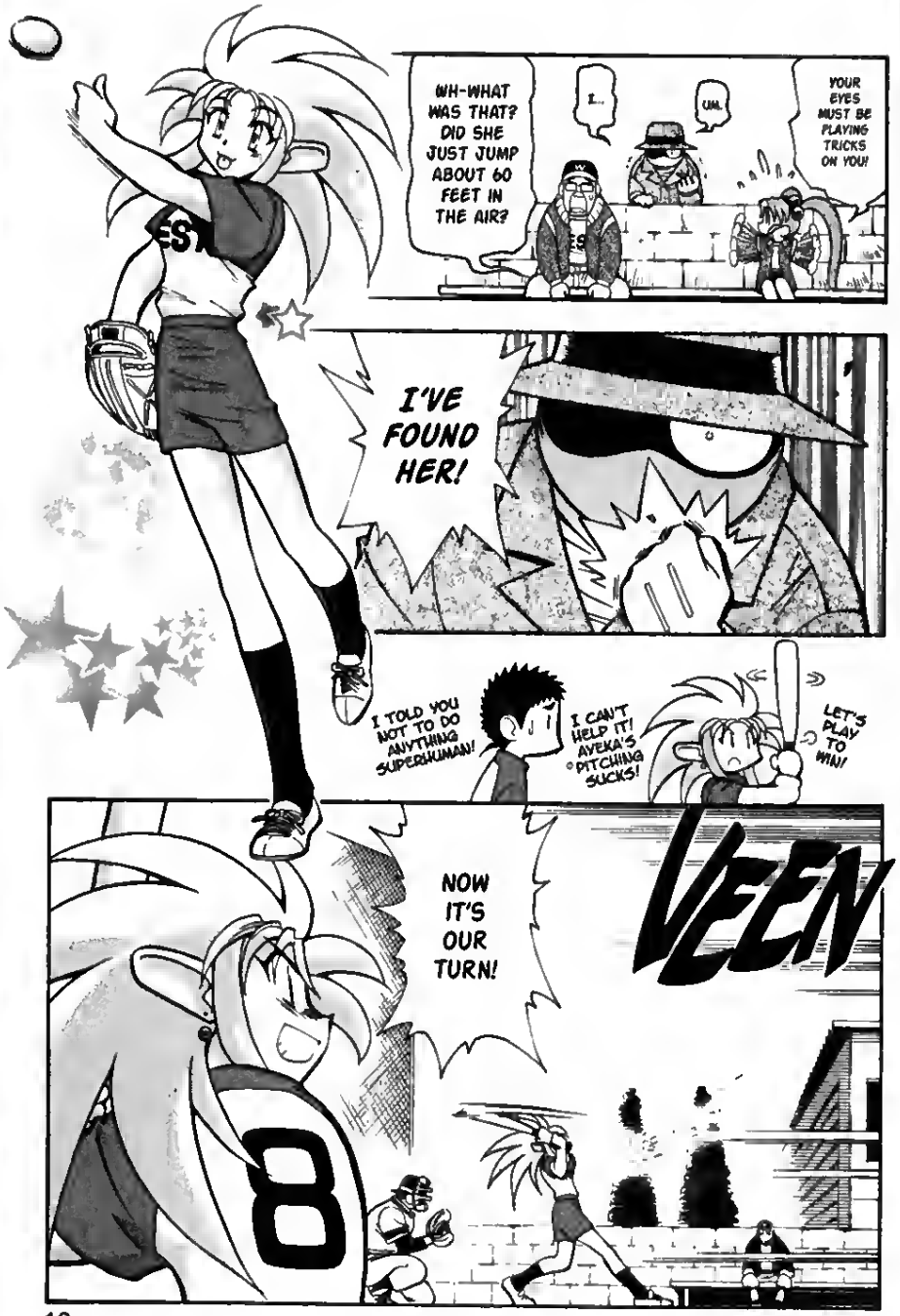
HEY, EAST TEAM! YOU'RE NOT PLAYING FAIR!
HMM? I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
AS I RECALL, IN THIS GAME IT'S *OKAY* TO PLAY SUBSTITUTES!
OOF!
SHF...
KRAK

OH...
KRAK
WEST
KRAK
4
OH, NO!
SHING
POR


OOG... THEY'RE BURYING HER...
AYEKA! DO YOUR BEST!


SHOVE

!!?
BEAUTI-FUL


WH-WHAT WAS THAT? DID SHE JUST JUMP ABOUT 60 FEET IN THE AIR?
I...
UM.
YOUR EYES MUST BE PLAYING TRICKS ON YOU!
I'VE FOUND HER!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING SUPERHUMAN!
I CAN'T HELP IT! AYEKA'S PITCHING SUCKS!
LET'S PLAY TO WIN!
NOW IT'S OUR TURN!
VEEN

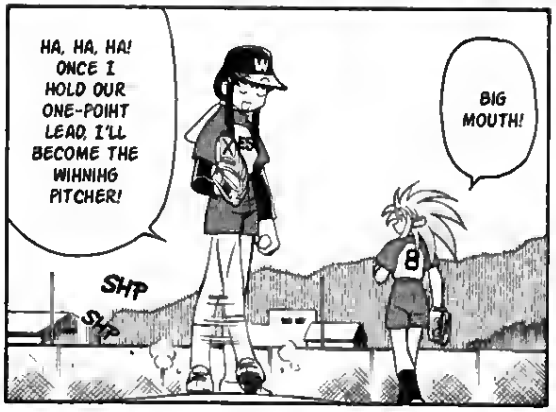
N...NO WAY...
WOOO!
THAT PITCHER IS A DRAFT PICK!
THUP
E
KI
S
NO
POK

I DON'T BELIEVE IT...
HER JUMP... HER POWER! THE PLAYER NAMED RYOKO COULD DEFINITELY TURN PRO!

THREE OUT! CHANGE!
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
E 4 0 0 1 0 3 1 2
W 2 3 0 0 1 2 1 3

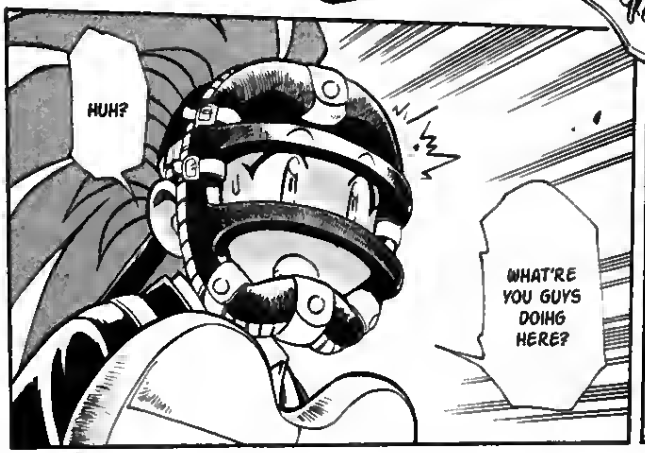
HE'S AT HIS LIMIT, COACH.
PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY...
BRR
BRR
HOW PATHETIC!
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE A DRAFT PICK?

IT'S OKAY. WE'VE STILL GOT OUR TRUMP CARD.
BEEP
IT'S TIME! I'M BEGGING YOU!
I'VE BEEN WAITING...


HA, HA, HA! ONCE I HOLD OUR ONE-POINT LEAD, I'LL BECOME THE WINNING PITCHER!
SHP
SHP
BIG MOUTH!

HUH?

YUME AND HISHIMA...
KABOOM
...AT YOUR SERVICE!


HUH?
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?

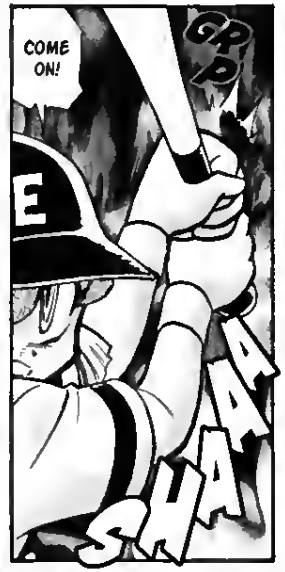
THEY JUST FLEW DOWN FROM THE SKY
I JUST DON'T KNOW ANYMORE...
BRR
BRR
BRR

MY MISSION IS TO DEFEAT YOU!
HEH... YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW THE DETAILS.
FIGHT ME, WASHU!

UM... ...DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PLAY THIS GAME?
I'M JUST THE UMPIRE.
OH.

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS PRO BASEBALL.
GUESS IT'S TIME FOR THE ACE PITCHER TO STEP UP.
PLAY BALL!

WOOH
LET'S GET THIS STARTED!


COME ON!
GRP
AAAH
SHA

TELE-PORT BALL!
BAM

OOM
SH
ATOMIZATION

KYOO
RECONSTRUCTION

SH
UP
UM... STRIKE?

HEH... NOT BAD, WASHU.
?
?
BUT IF I GRASP THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND IT...
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HIT IT?
WHAP
COMMAND!
ACTIVATE AGGRESSIVE RECON-STRUCTIVE DEVICE!
KA-CHA
RESTORATION!

SHING
FOOM
OH, MY!
HOW'S THAT, WASHU? I WIN!
NOPE. IT'S A STRIKE.
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ER... HEH HEH.
I SEE...THE SKIH OF THE BALL EHDED UP IH THE MITT.
YOU DOH'T LOOK SHOCKED, MISTER.
?
?
IT'S A STRIKE IF I SAY IT'S A STRIKE!
NO! IT WAS A HOME RUH!
UM...
HMMM...
KA SH K
OH!
ALL RIGHT! MY HALF'S HEAVIER!
JUST BY 0.6 GRAMS!
THEH I GUESS IT'S A HOME RUH...

THOOP
WUP
WAP
WAP
WAP
STRIKE THREE!
BOTTOM OF THE 9TH, 2 OUTS, TIED SCORE... TIME FOR THE POWER BATTER!
BETTER WATCH OUT, YUME!
THAT'S NO NORMAL PITCHER!
NOW I CAN WITNESS RYOKO'S TRUE ABILITY!

* KESEN METEORITE: THE BIGGEST METEORITE EVER TO FALL ON JAPAN. IT WEIGHED ALMOST 130 POUNDS!

THIS IS SO EXCITING!
HOW WILL SHE PLAY AGAINST A PITCHER LIKE THAT?
YUME! THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT YOU'RE AN ALIEN!

FINE. I'LL PLAY FAIR.
LET'S GO, WASHU'S DAUGHTER!
I HAVE A NAME, YOU KNOW!
YAH!
VOOP

FOOM

STRIKE ONE!

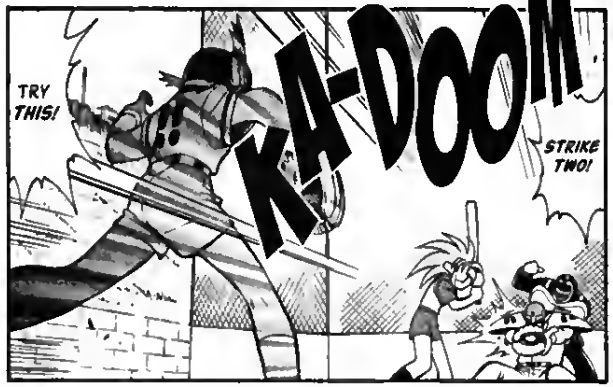
WHOA! 311 MILES PER HOUR!
CHING
YOU SURE CAME PREPARED...

BEHOLD THE FRUITS OF MY RESEARCH!
STEALTH POWER ASSIST
SUPER-THIN EXO SKELETON

WELL, WELL, YUME. I'M IMPRESSED.

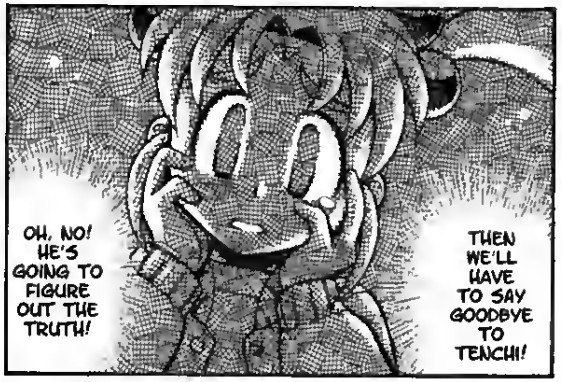
WHAT HAPPENED TO PLAYING FAIR?
THEN I'LL GET SERIOUS, TOO
W-WASHU...
DON'T DO ANYTHING TOO FLASHY...

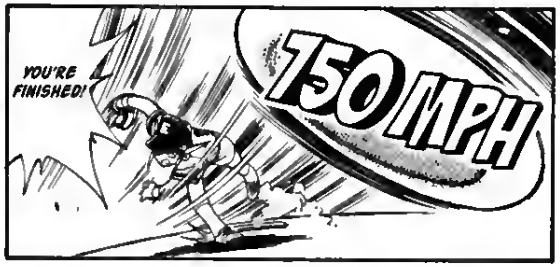
RYOKO, THERE'S A FASTER ONE COMING YOUR WAY! PUT EVERYTHING YOU GOT INTO IT!
UM. HELP?


TRY THIS!
KA-DOOM
STRIKE TWO!

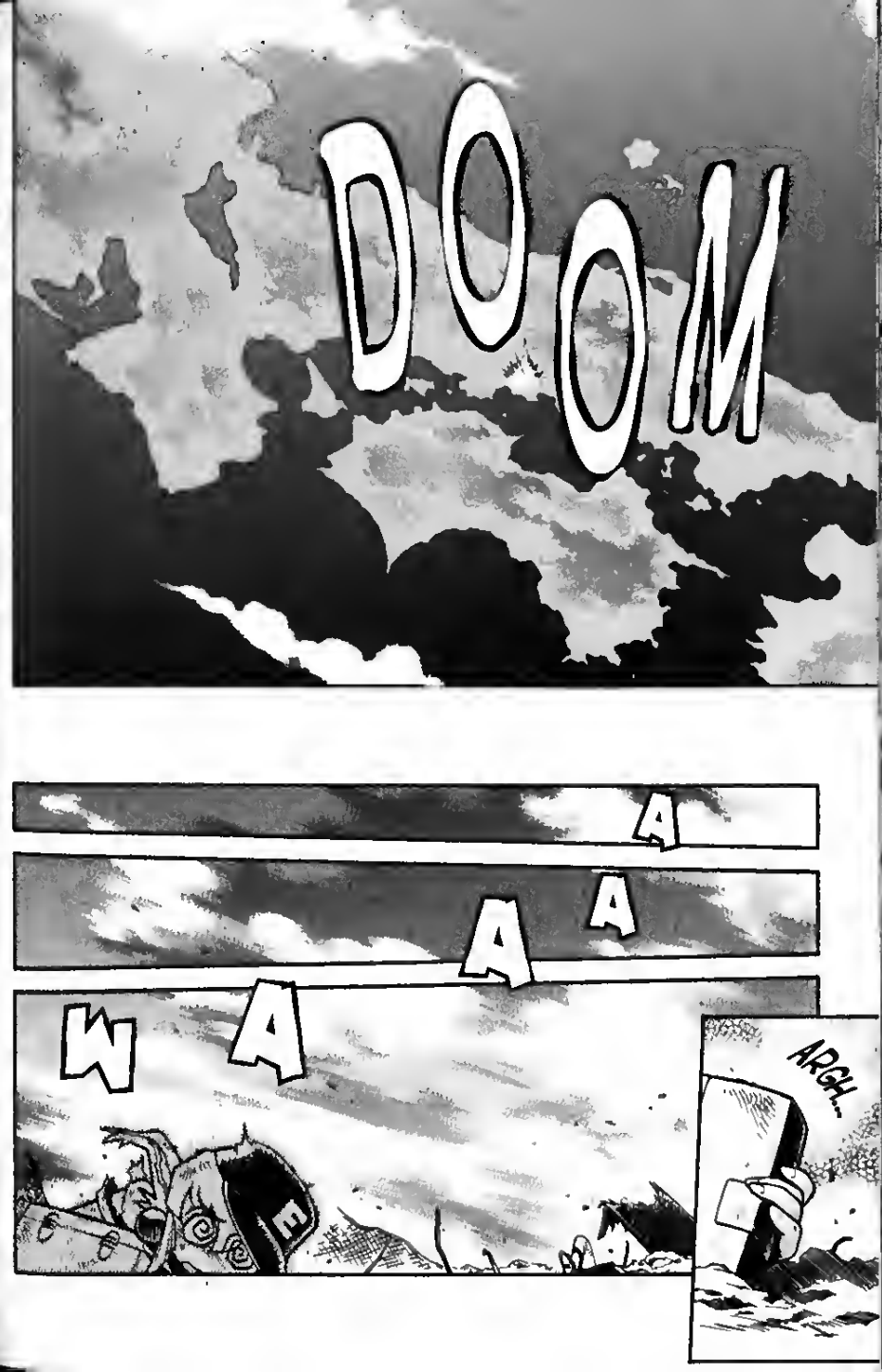
I SEE IT NOW!

493 MILES PER HOUR!
HOW FAST CAN THAT SPEED GUN READ?


OH, NO! HE'S GOING TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH!
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO TENCHI!


YOU'RE FINISHED!
750 MPH

ARRRGH!!
762 MPH
BREAKS SONIC SPEED!


DOOM
A
A
A
A
A
ARGH...

*SONIC BOOM: AN EXPLOSIVE SOUND CAUSED BY AN OBJECT TRAVELING AT OR ABOVE THE SPEED OF SOUND

OH, THIS IS THE END!
GOODBYE, TENCHI...
PAF
YOU'RE THE PERFECT PLAYER TO LEAD THE GALAXY LEAGUE INTO THE FUTURE!
BAM
OH... HEH HEH...
HE'S AN ALIEN, TOO!
SURE, IF I CAN PLAY ANY TIME I WANT AND YOU GIVE ME A 10-YEAR SUPPLY OF BOOZE PER GAME!
SURE THING!
YOU'RE WORTH IT!

RYOKO, I THOUGHT YOU HAD A G-LEAGUE GAME TODAY.
OH, THAT.
ER..
UM...
SEEMS THAT BALL I HIT DESTROYED THE SCOUT'S SPACESHIP PARKED IN ORBIT.
HEH HEH HEH HEH.
HEH HEH HEH... HA HA...
SIGH... I'VE GOT THE WORST LUCK.
I GUESS IT COULD'VE BEEN WORSE...



# Chapter 2: To Serve Man

BRRRING
BRRRING!
MASAKI RESI-DENCE!
YES...
YES...
WHAT? SASAMI DID?
AS HER OLDER SISTER...
ER... YES...
...YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT GIRLS CAN BE VERY IMPRESSION-ABLE AT THIS AGE.
AHEM
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOUR-SELF?
↑NOSE PLUG
BAM
IT'S VERY QUESTIONABLE THAT YOU'D MAKE HER BRING THIS BIZARRE LUNCH TO SCHOOL!
Y-YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY CORRECT
STRANGE I THOUGHT SASAMI MADE HER OWN LUNCH TODAY

IT SMELLS FUNNY, AND IT LOOKS...
TAK
BOK
SHOOM
WHAT?
WHAT?
HEH...
ER, HEH HEH...
BWOMM
BWOMM
A LUNCH THAT EATS YOU? WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO WE LIVE IN?

CLAP
RYOKO
OOG...
SORRY, BUT I'M GOING TO ERASE A BIT OF YOUR MEMORY.
WOO
!?
WOM
WOM

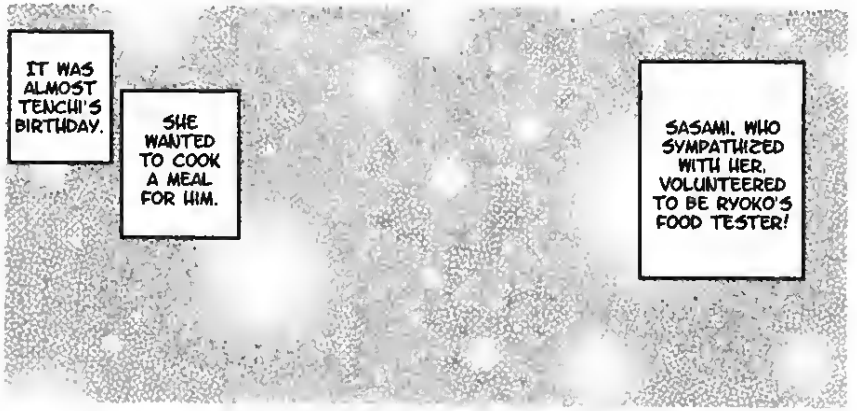
SASAM!!
BLOO
BLOO
Nurse
HOLD ON! I'LL HELP YOU!
BOEE
BOEE
I SEE. SO IT WAS RYOKO WHO MADE THAT CREATURE...
I MEAN, THAT LUNCH!
WHAT INGREDIENTS GO INTO A LUNCH LIKE THAT?

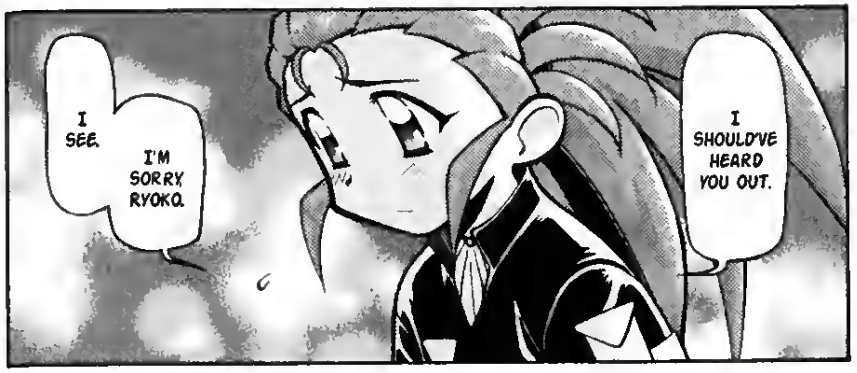
DON'T SCOLD RYOKO.
IT WAS PERFECTLY FINE UNTIL I ATE IT...
"FINE"?
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOKED AT THAT THING, IT WAS AWFUL!
OH...
THE SMELL WAS HORRENDOUS!
UGN...
AND THE TASTE SPREADING THROUGH YOUR MOUTH MUST'VE BEEN FOUL BEYOND ALL COMPREHENSION!
UGH!
BUT...
...RYOKO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE IT...
...EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT'VE BEEN A LITTLE... DIFFERENT...

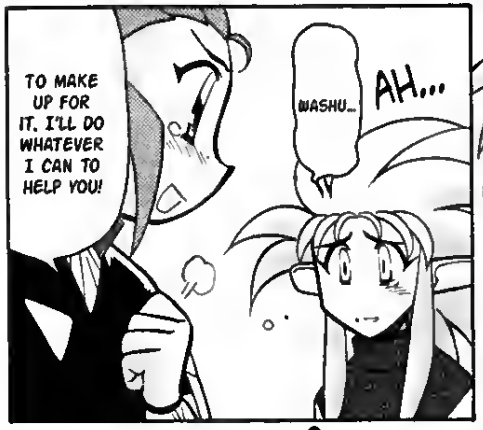
OH... SASAMI...
AWW~
SO SWEET...
OH, YOU'RE TOO CUTE!
SQ
UIK
AHH!
W-WASHU, YOU'RE HURTING ME.
OU! SORRY!
RYOKO, COME OVER HERE.
WHAT IS IT?
SMACK!
OUCH!!
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

WHAT DID YOU MAKE SASAMI EAT?
WERE YOU TRYING TO POISON HER?
WASHU! I TOLD YOU NOT TO SCOLD HER!
I'M NOT SCOLDING HER. I'M YELLING AT HER.
...
I HAVE NO WORDS..

BUT ALL WERE STUNNED TO HEAR THE TRUTH!
IT SEEMS RYOKO HAD GOTTEN THE IDEA FROM TV AND BOOKS.

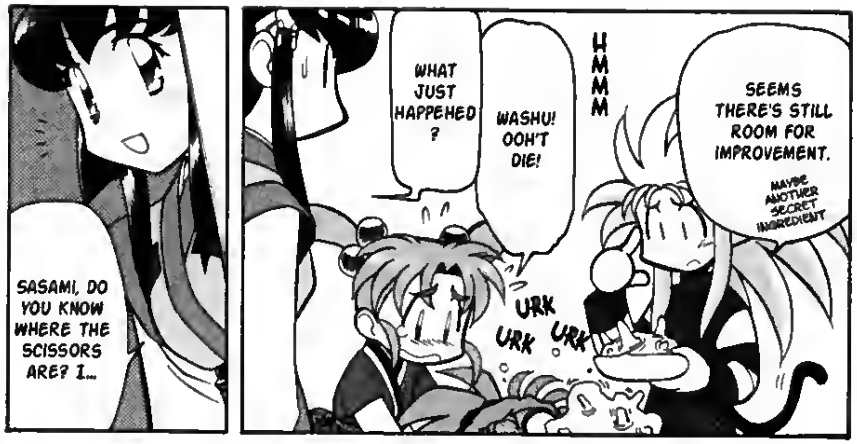

IT WAS ALMOST TENCHI'S BIRTHDAY.
SHE WANTED TO COOK A MEAL FOR HIM.
SASAMI, WHO SYMPATHIZED WITH HER, VOLUNTEERED TO BE RYOKO'S FOOD TESTER!


I SEE.
I'M SORRY, RYOKO.
I SHOULD'VE HEARD YOU OUT.


TO MAKE UP FOR IT, I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO HELP YOU!
WASHU...
AH...

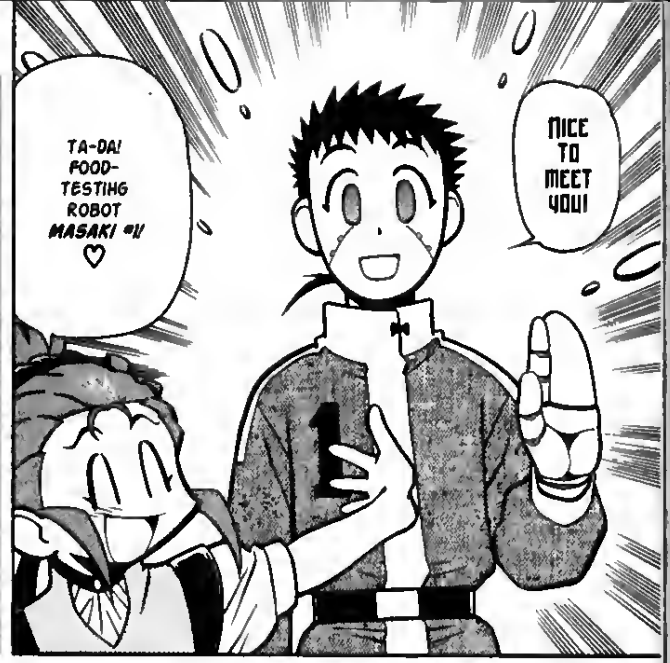
YOU'RE ACTUALLY A GOOD PERSON
WHAT DID YOU THINK I WAS?
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE...
?
HEH

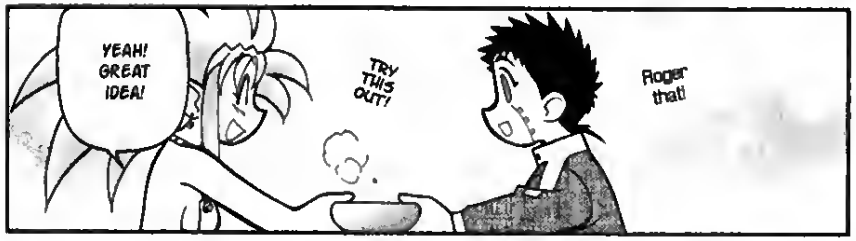
CAN YOU TRY THIS OUT?
MY LATEST RECIPE! ♡
GW
OOM
GLP
HUH!?

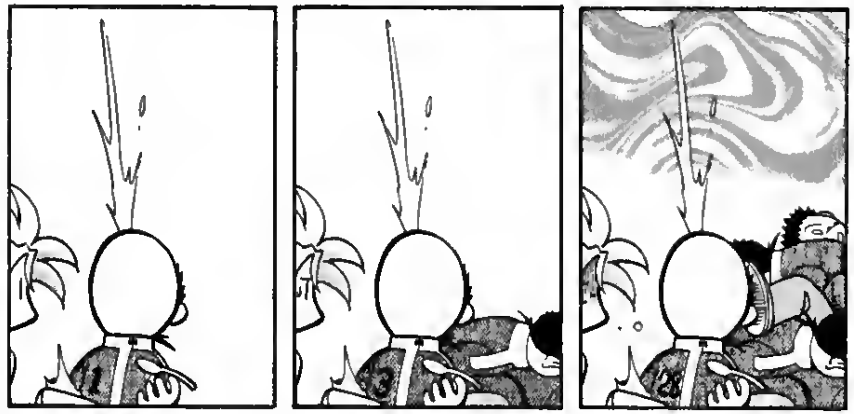

SASAMI, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE SCISSORS ARE? I...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED ?
WASHU! OOH'T DIE!
HMMM
SEEMS THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.
MAYBE ANOTHER SECRET INGREDIENT
URK URK URK

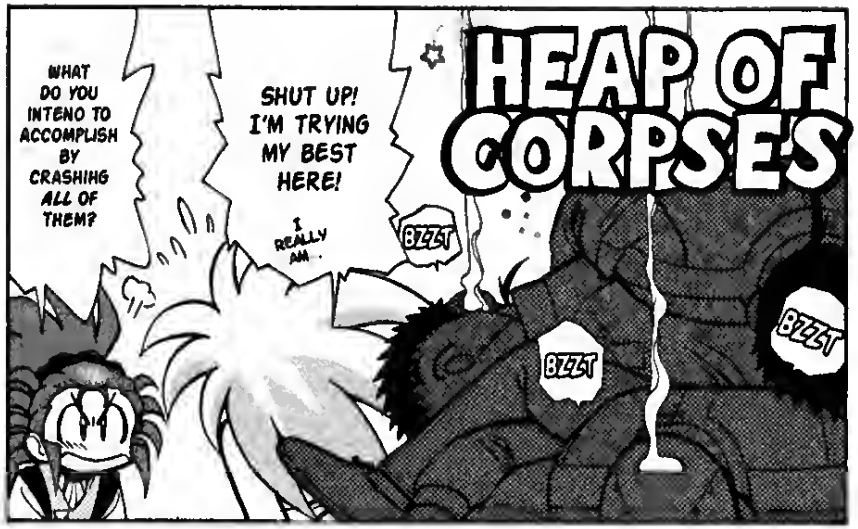
SHA SHA SHA
IH ANY CASE, I HAVE TO TRY IT OUT.
HMM...SHE'S GETTIHG THE RIGHT FEEL FOR COOKING, BUT...
HOW DOES IT TURN INTO A DEADLY WEAPON?
SHK
SHK
DYO

THANKS FOR WAITIHG!
SHOO


TA-DA! FOOD-TESTIHG ROBOT MASAKI #1! ♡
NICE TO MEET YOU!


YEAH! GREAT IDEA!
TRY THIS OUT!
Roger that!



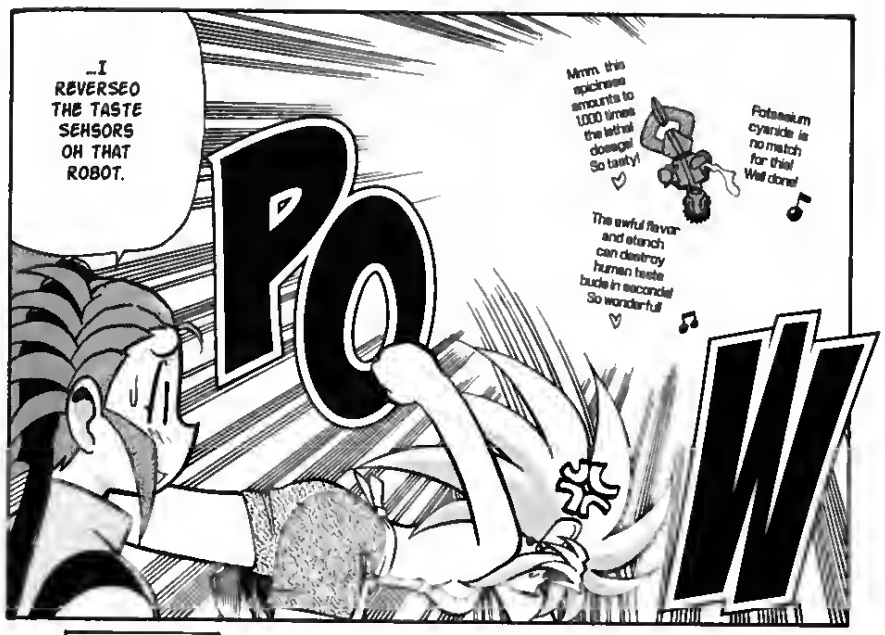

HEAP OF CORPSES
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO ACCOMPLISH BY CRASHING ALL OF THEM?
SHUT UP! I'M TRYING MY BEST HERE!
I REALLY AM...
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT

IT...
IT'S REALLY GOOD! ♡

HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT?
HE...HE SAID IT'S GOOD!
OH... ER...

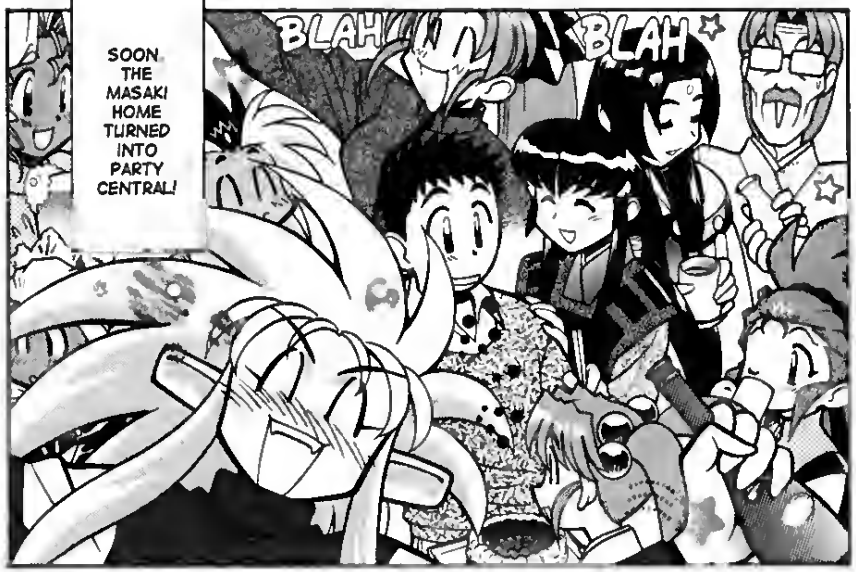
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE SO HAPPY TO HEAR SOMEONE PRAISE MY FOOD!
OH, SURE! EAT MORE!
UM...
I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT...
Another bowl, please.




...I REVERSED THE TASTE SENSORS OH THAT ROBOT.
POW!
Mmm. this spiciness amounts to 1,000 times the lethal dosage! So tasty! ♡
Potassium cyanide is no match for this! Well done!
The awful flavor and stench can destroy human taste buds in seconds! So wonderful ♡

WITH SASAMI'S TRAINING AND WASHU'S HELP (?)...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT STINGS A LITTLE, BUT IT'S GETTING BETTER
...SOMEHOW, RYOKO'S COOKING REACHED THE LEVEL OF EDIBILITY!

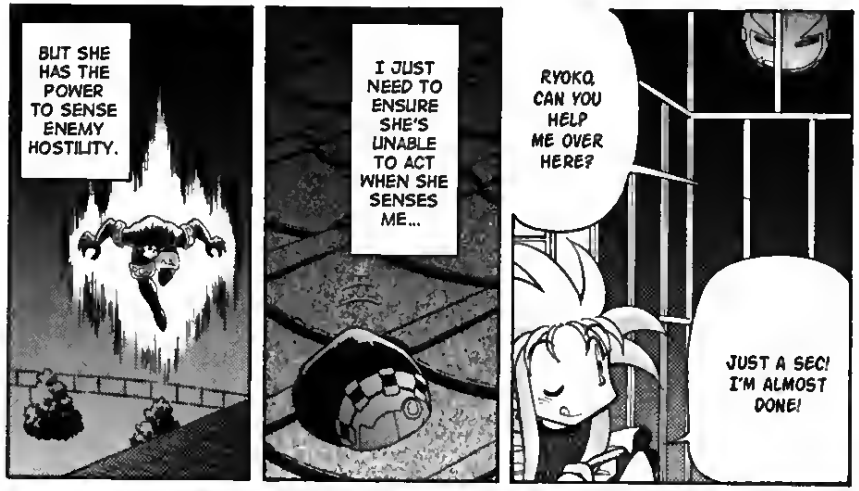
FINALLY, TENCHI'S BIRTHDAY ARRIVED!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TENCHI! ♡
HAPPY BIRTHDAY. ♡
ZOOM

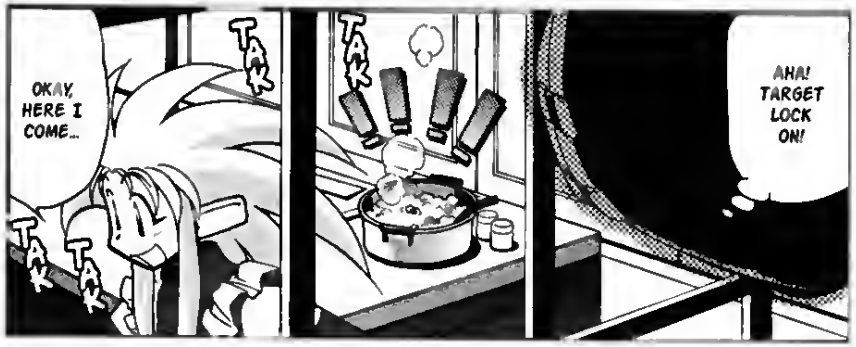

SOON THE MASAKI HOME TURNED INTO PARTY CENTRAL!
BLAH
BLAH

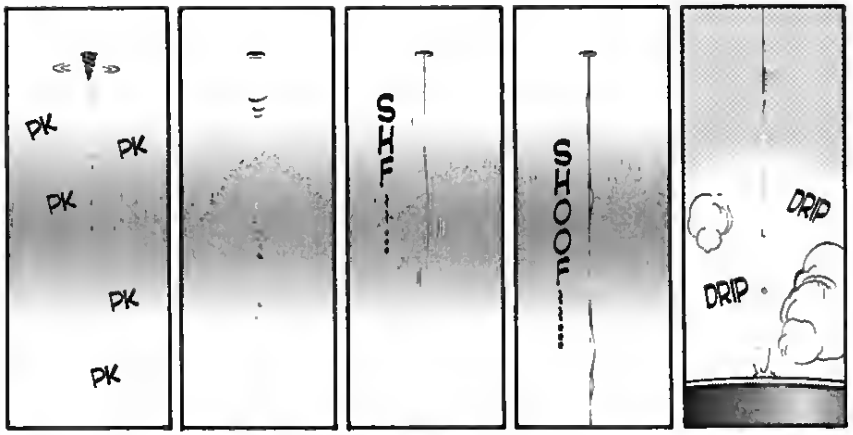
HOW-EVER...
FOOM

...NO ONE SUSPECTED THAT A DARKNESS WAS APPROACHING A DARKNESS BENT ON DISRUPTING THE PEACE...
IT'S THE ASSASSIN WHO APPEARED IN VOLUME 10 OF *NO NEED FOR TENCHI!* CAPTURED FOR THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF FUNAHO. CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF HIS ESCAPE!

HA HA HA...MY REPUTATION AS THE GALAXY'S GREATEST ASSASSIN HAS BEEN RUINED
I'LL GET MY REVENGE ON YOU... FUNAHO!
HA HA HA HA


BUT SHE HAS THE POWER TO SENSE ENEMY HOSTILITY.
I JUST NEED TO ENSURE SHE'S UNABLE TO ACT WHEN SHE SENSES ME...
RYOKO, CAN YOU HELP ME OVER HERE?
JUST A SEC! I'M ALMOST DONE!


OKAY, HERE I COME...
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
AHA! TARGET LOCK ON!


PK
PK
PK
PK
PK
SHE~~~
SHOOT~~~~
DRIP
DRIP

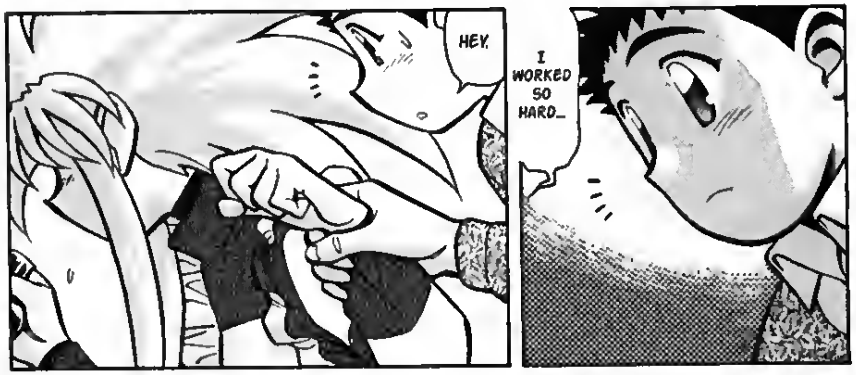
ONCE SHE DRINKS THIS PARALYZING AGENT...
...I'LL BE ABLE TO FRY AND BAKE HER AS I PLEASE! ♡
?
TWING

HUH?

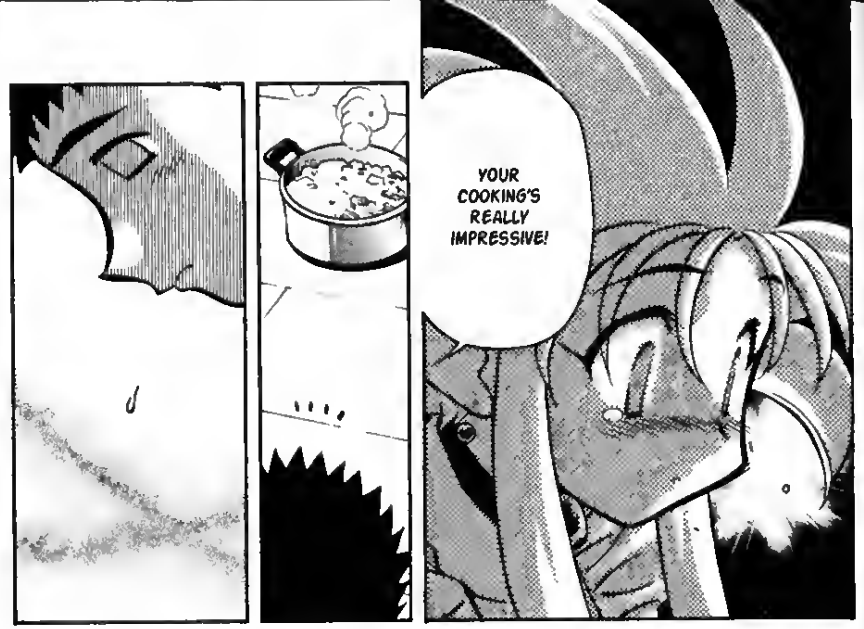
BOOM

POW
GRIP
HOW DARE YOU RUIN MY MEAL?

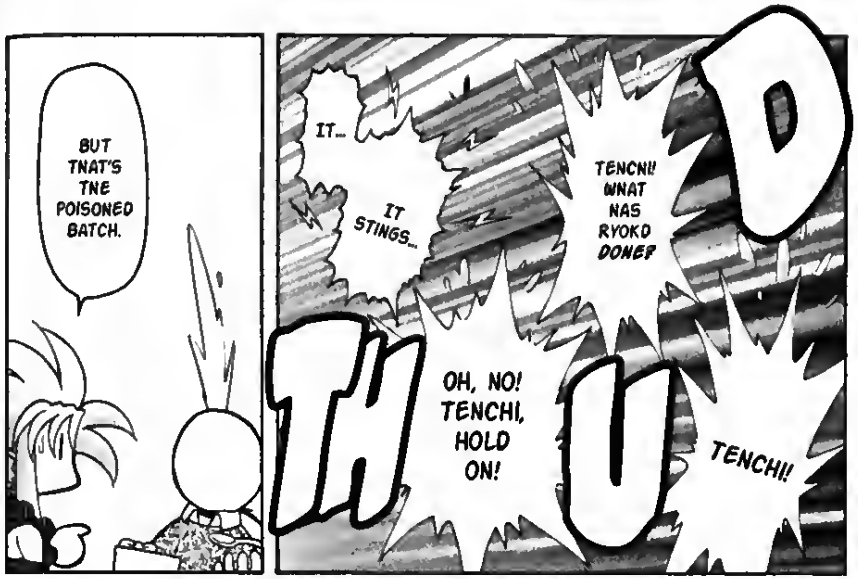
YOU WON'T LIVE TO REGRET THIS!
PA
PARA
HEY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT YOU CAN'T KILL PEOPLE!

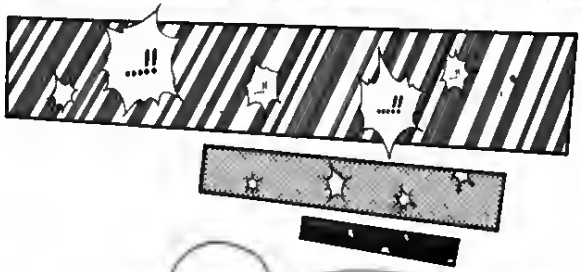

HEY.
I WORKED SO HARD...

SO HARD... BECAUSE I WANTED YOU TO ENJOY MY COOKING.
AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS...
RYOKO...


YOUR COOKING'S REALLY IMPRESSIVE!

YUP. THIS IS TOTALLY MY KIND OF FOOD. ♡
TENCHI...

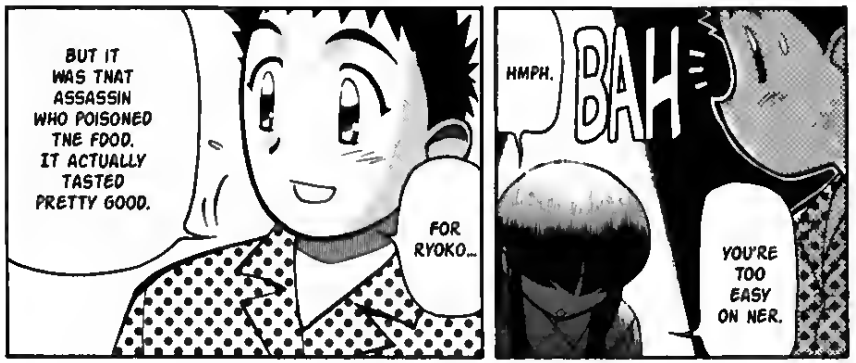

BUT THAT'S THE POISONED BATCH.
IT...
IT STINGS...
TENCHI! WHAT HAS RYOKO DONE?
TH
OH, NO! TENCHI, HOLD ON!
U
D
TENCHI!!


...!!
...!!

I'M SO RELIEVED.
YOU ATE RYOKO'S FOOD AND YOU ONLY HAVE TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A WEEK.
HA HA... IT'S NOT SUCH A BIG DEAL...
HOSPITAL

NO, YOUR GOOD KARMA SAVED YOU THIS TIME.
NO WAY...
HEY, TENCHI! CAN I EAT THIS BANANA?
BAH BAH BAH BAH
YAY YAY

AHEM
QUIET IN THE HOSPITAL, PLEASE!
WE'RE SORRY!
WE'LL QUIET DOWN RIGHT AWAY!


BUT IT WAS THAT ASSASSIN WHO POISONED THE FOOD. IT ACTUALLY TASTED PRETTY GOOD.
FOR RYOKO...
HMPH.
BAH
YOU'RE TOO EASY ON HER.

COULDN'T WE ASSUME THAT THE ASSASSIN'S POISON AND RYOKO'S POISONOUS COOKING CREATED A CHEMICAL REACTION THAT REDUCED THE LETHAL QUALITIES OF BOTH?
WITHOUT IT, I IMAGINE RYOKO'S COOKING WOULD'VE KILLED YOU!

HEH HEH...
NO...I DON'T THINK SO.
BUT I GUESS

THUD THUD
YIPE!

THUD
HEY! NO RUNNING IN THE CORRIDORS!
THUD THUD
THUD
STOP AT ONCE!
SHUT UP! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
BRRR
BRRR
BRRR

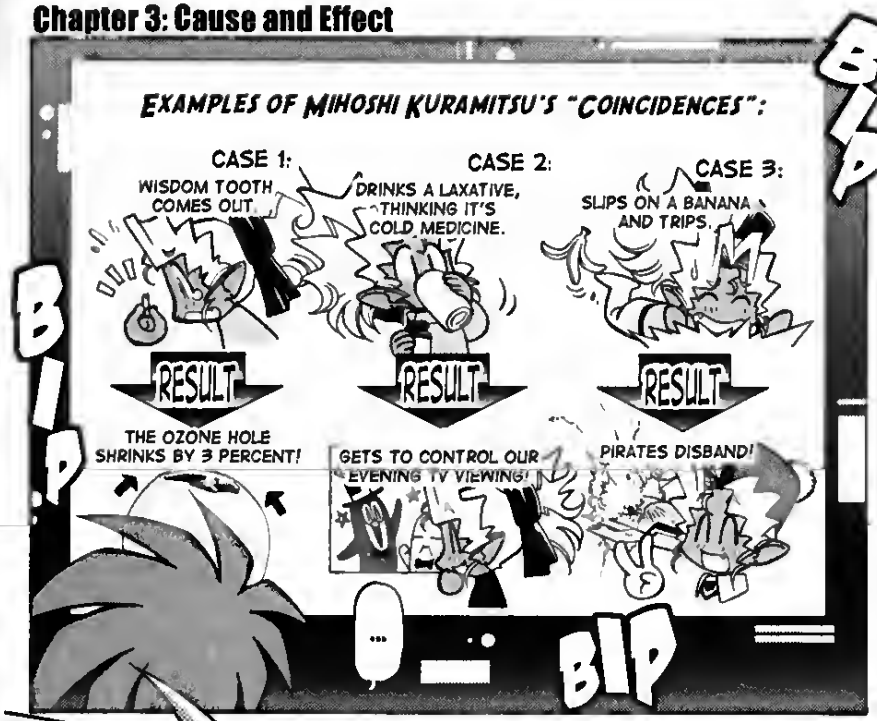
BAM

TENCHI! I MADE A BETTER ONE!
TA-DA

WASN'T THIS THE 5TH FLOOR?
HUH?
TENCHI!
WHERE'S TENCHI?
I WONDER WHERE HE IS.
NO, TENCHI!
AHHHHHHHHHHHHHH





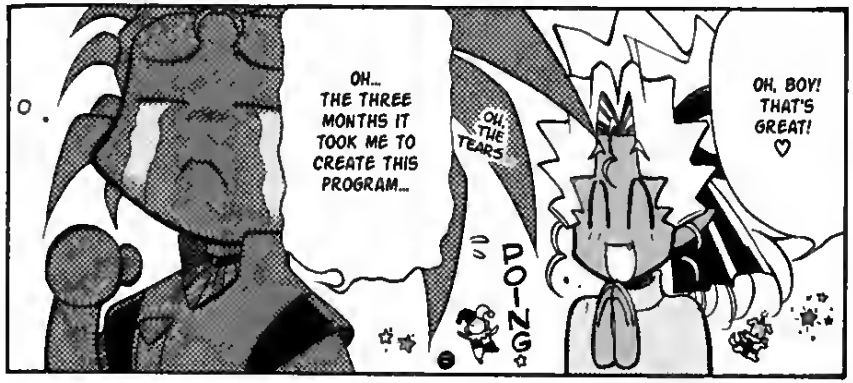

EXAMPLES OF MIHOSHI KURAMITSU'S "COINCIDENCES":
CASE 1:
WISDOM TOOTH COMES OUT.
CASE 2:
DRINKS A LAXATIVE, THINKING IT'S COLD MEDICINE.
CASE 3:
SLIPS ON A BANANA AND TRIPS.
RESULT
THE OZONE HOLE SHRINKS BY 3 PERCENT!
RESULT
GETS TO CONTROL OUR EVENING TV VIEWING!
RESULT
PIRATES DISBAND!
BIP
...
BIP

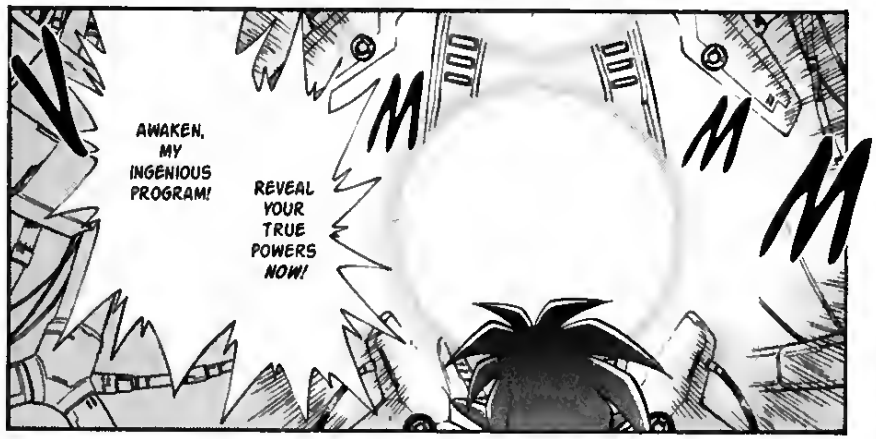
BIP
HMM.
BIP

THE EFFECTS OF MIHOSHI'S BUMBLING ARE REALLY QUITE SOMETHING.
LOOKING BACK ON IT, EACH "COINCIDENCE" HAS COST US A LOT OF TROUBLE.
BUT...
GRP...

...TODAY I'M GOING TO DO IT!
I'M GOING TO ESTABLISH A SCIENTIFIC STRUCTURAL THEORY WHICH WILL SURPASS THE GENIUS OF COINCIDENCE!

# Chapter 3: Cause and Effect





GRM
GRM
GRM
GRM
YOU SURE LOOK BUSY, WASHU! CAN I HELP?
ER... NO! JUST DON'T MOVE! IF YOU CAN, DON'T EVEN BREATHE!!
LET ME EXPLAIN! BY CREATING A GALACTIC-SIZE SIMULATOR, WASHU HOPES TO CONTROL MIHOSHI'S "COINCIDENTAL POWERS" THROUGH SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS.
ANA! MIHOSNI'S POWERS NAVE AWAKENED!
BEEP BEEP
ACTIVATE ALL SENSORS!
UGH... I'M IN PAIN...
WOBBLE
!!
POK POK POK
O. OXYGEN.
NO! DON'T PUSH THOSE SWITCHES—
BOOM
HUN?

FOOM
FOOM...
BAM
SHOOF
ZAK
OH, NO. LOOKS LIKE MINOSNI MORPHED MY SIMULATION INTO REALITY!
I WONDER WHAT BUTTONS SNE COULD'VE PUSNED TO MAKE TNIS NAPPEN...

HUH?
I AM THE ULTIMATE BEING! I CONTROL VAST SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND THE GODLIKE POWER OF FATE!
I CAN SHIFT REALITY AND SPACE-TIME...
WH... WHAT?
WOOM
WOOM
...AND EXPERIMENT WITH THE UNIVERSE AS I PLEASE!

HUH?
TELE-PORTA-TION?
3... 2... 1...
HMM.
VMM
SEEMS LIKE IT'S STABILIZED
OH, NO!
SUCH A DANGEROUS BEING! I HAVE TO STOP IT! NOW WHERE'D I PUT THE "FREEZE" SWITCH?
SHE'S TRYING TO STOP ME.
A NORMAL REACTION.
BUT I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN!
GRM!
BEHOLD THE POWER OF MY CAUSE OCCURRENCE DEVICE!
IT ACTUALIZES THE PRINCIPLE OF "AN ILL WIND BLOWS NOBODY GOOD"!
ABOUT 73 BILLION YEARS AND TWO AND A HALF MONTHS AGO, A MASSIVE TERRESTRIAL FLUCTUATION OCCURRED IN A PLANET IN THE CYGNUS SYSTEM.

GRAAAA
THAT FLUCTUATION KILLED THE DINOSAURS ON EARTH..BUT, THANKS TO THE CAUSE OCCURRENCE RAY, A SPECIES OF REPTILE ELSEWHERE IN SPACE SURVIVED.
OVER 72.8 BILLION YEARS, IT EVOLVED INTO INTELLIGENT LIFE.
ONE DAY, MR. SUGIMURA (NOT HIS REAL NAME) PROPOSED TO SHIORI (ITTO), WHOM HE'D MET IN A CAFE. THREE YEARS LATER, THEY WERE BLESSED WITH A BABY BOY NAMED KENSHI. ♡
THAT BOY GREW UP TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL SOCCER PLAYER. HE MADE THE WINNING GOAL AT THE 95TH WORLD CUP. THE CUP ENDED UP IN THE HALL OF FAME.
HOWEVER, THE BALL WAS STOLEN MANY TIMES, AND EVENTUALLY GAINED A REPUTATION AS A CURSED BALL.
ABOUT 200,000 YEARS LATER, THE LATEST OWNER OF THE BALL DIED A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.
WE CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE SHOCK OF KATHY THE MAID (NOT HER REAL NAME), WHO SAW THE CORPSE WITH HER OWN EYES!
A FEW YEARS LATER, THE BOOK SHE WROTE BASED ON HER EXPERIENCE, THE BLOOD-TAINTED BALL, BECAME A BESTSELLER.
ONE DAY, A HOUSEWIFE BY THE NAME OF MASUMI (NOT HER REAL NAME) ORDERED A PIZZA AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK. HOWEVER...
OH..THIS STORY MAKES ME CRY..
H-HELLO? I'D LIKE TO ORDER A D-DELIVERY
...THANKS TO HER GARBLED ORDER...
...THE GALAXY PIZZA DELIVERY-MAN HEADED TO THE WRONG LOCATION!

AND SO...
...JUST AS WASHU WAS ABOUT TO THROW THE SWITCH...
BAM
HELLO! GALAXY PIZZA!
OH! ARE YOU OKAY, MISS?
WELL DONE!
NICE WORK, DELIVERY GUY!
LEAVE THIS TO ME.
CHAK
HERE'S A NICE TIP
CHAK
YOU'RE SURE? THANK YOU!
GUESS YOU FORGOT ABOUT THE POWER OF COINCIDENCE!
CHOMP
THANK YOU!
SLAM
TIME TO EXPLAIN!

WNAT EXACTLY OIO SHE DO?
TNAT'S RIGHT! BY USING TNE INFLUENCES OF THE ACKNOWLEDGEO PAST, SHE IS ABLE TO...BLAH BLAH BLAH...
NMM...I GUESS AN EXISTENCE REQUIRES A NAME.
HOW ABOUT "MI" FROM MINOSHI'S NAME ANO "WASN" FROM WASNU'S? NO, MAYBE TNE "U"...
..AND CALCULATES IT SCIENTIFICALLY TO CREATE TNE PRESENT RESULT TNAT SHE DESIRES!!
SO TNAT'S TNE STORY.
ANO MY NAME IS MIU!
I'VE DECIDEO THAT TNIS HOUSEHOLD WILL BE UNOER MY CONTROL FOR NOW.
WASNU!!
WHO ARE YOU?
SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE ME!
BWOING

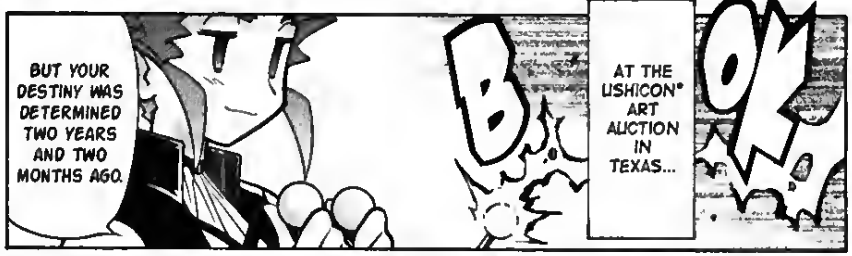
SO MANY CRUCIAL FACTORS, WNAT YOU MIGNT CALL SIGNIFICANT POINTS IN SPACE TIME...
ARE GATNEREO IN TNIS HOUSE ALMOST AGAINST REASON

WHAT DO YOU MEAN UNOER YOUR CONTROL?
YOU DON'T UNOERSTAND? I'LL EXPLAIN BRIEFLY.

BASICALLY, I'LL BE TAKING AWAY YOUR FREEDOM.

YOU...

TRY IT IF YOU CAN!
AK
RYOKO!

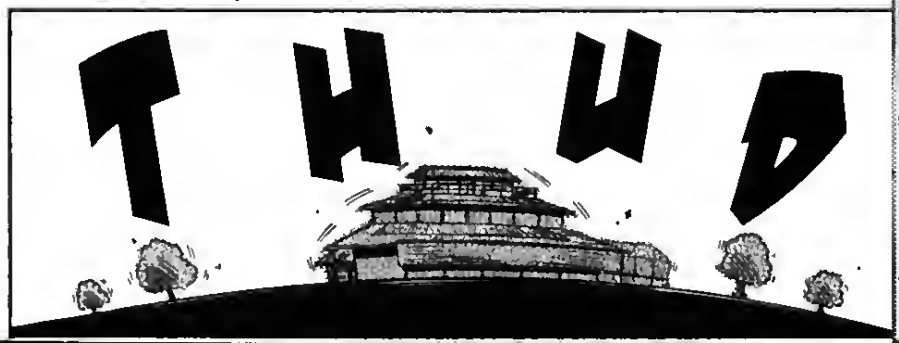


...A DRAWING BY A GIRL NAMED JENNY (NOT HER REAL NAME) THAT SOLD FOR $75 CAUGHT THE EYE OF A PUBLICIST.
SHE BECAME A POPULAR ILLUSTRATOR.
HOWEVER, ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END, AND JENNY'S MANAGER RAN OFF WITH HER ROYALTIES...

*An anime convention in America. I participated in the art auction as well. It was a lot of fun!

...AND, BECAUSE OF ALL THAT, AN EX-SHOPKEEPER TURNED ROBBER BY THE NAME OF GORO FUNABASHI (NOT HIS REAL NAME) IS CURRENTLY RIFLING THROUGH THE MASAKI FAMILY'S KITCHEN.
DON'T COME IN...
DON'T COME IN...

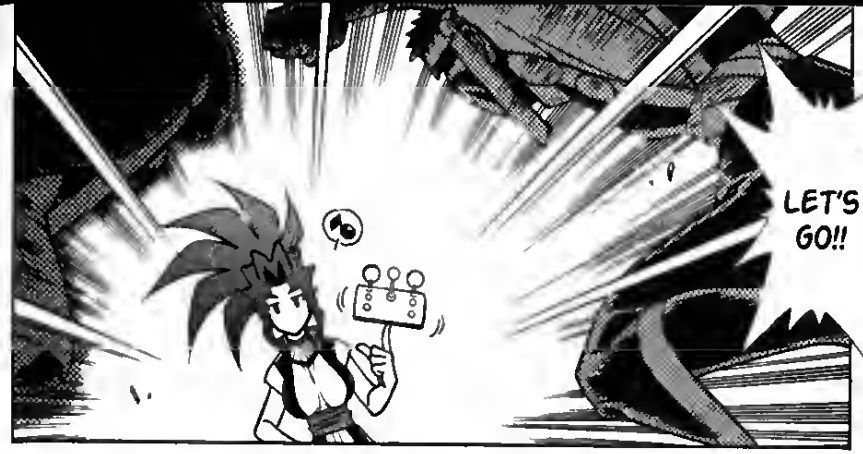
IT JUST SO HAPPENS...
...THAT GORO, STILL AN AMATEUR, DROPS A CARROT FROM THE KITCHEN TABLE.
THIS CARROT ENTERS RYO-OH-KI'S FIELD OF VISION.

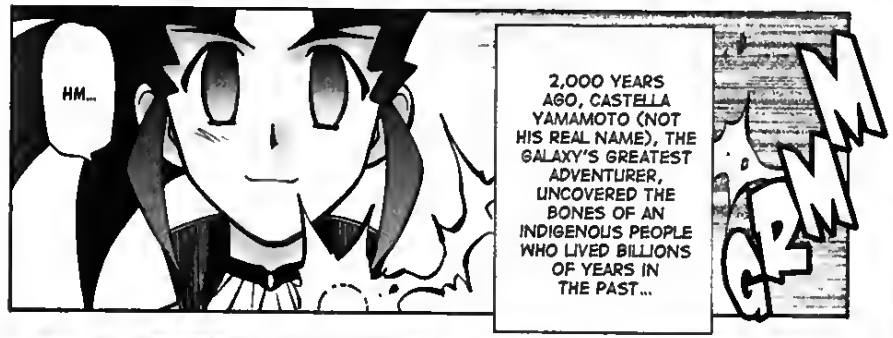


RYOKO? ARE YOU OKAY?
RYOKO!
OH, AND SOME GUY WE DON'T EVEN KNOW!
AS I SAID, IT'S ALL BEEN DETER-MINED.
WHAT?
YOU MAY ONLY BE ABLE TO SEE THESE THINGS AS COINCIDENCE...
...BUT THE PROBABILITY OF CAUSE AND EFFECT IS UNDER MY CONTROL.
NOW. WHAT DO YOU DO? DO YOU STILL WISH TO WASTE YOUR TIME?
NOD

BM
AS I DETERMINED. IT WAS ALREADY CALCULATED.
DETER-MINED?
VM
ALREADY CAL-CULATED?
GRR...

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME! WE CAN CHANGE OUR OWN DESTINY!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE'LL CHANGE IT OURSELVES!

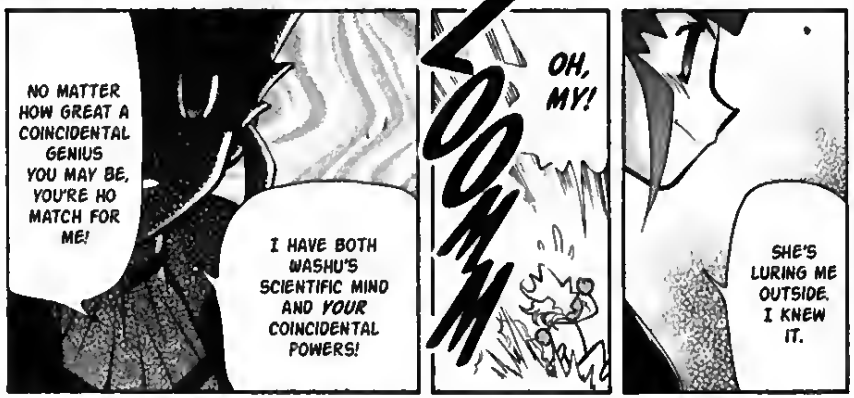

LET'S GO!!

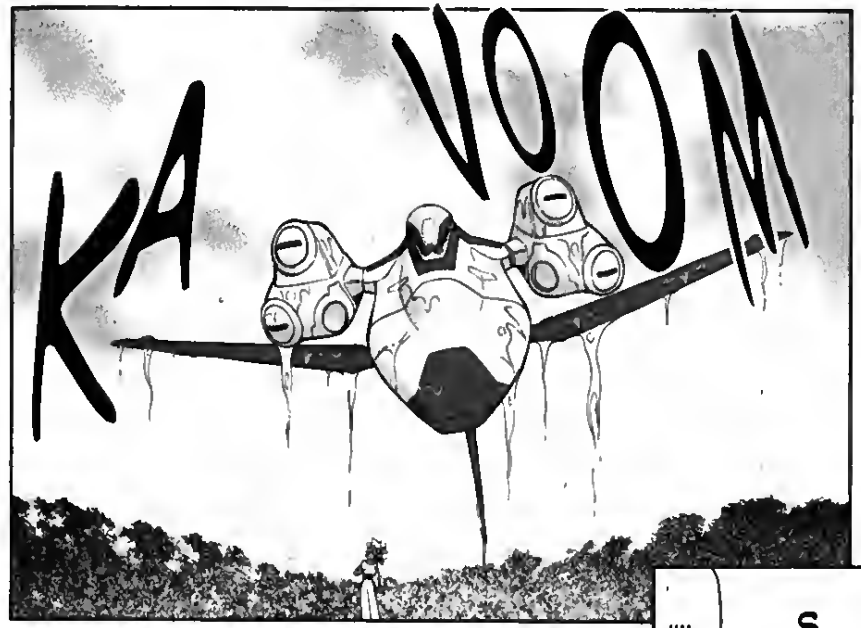

HM...
2,000 YEARS AGO, CASTELLA YAMAMOTO (NOT HIS REAL NAME), THE GALAXY'S GREATEST ADVENTURER, UNCOVERED THE BONES OF AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WHO LIVED BILLIONS OF YEARS IN THE PAST...
GRMM

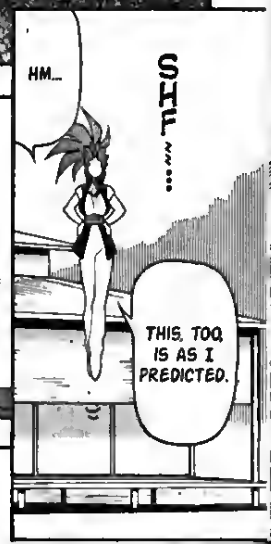
OMITTED

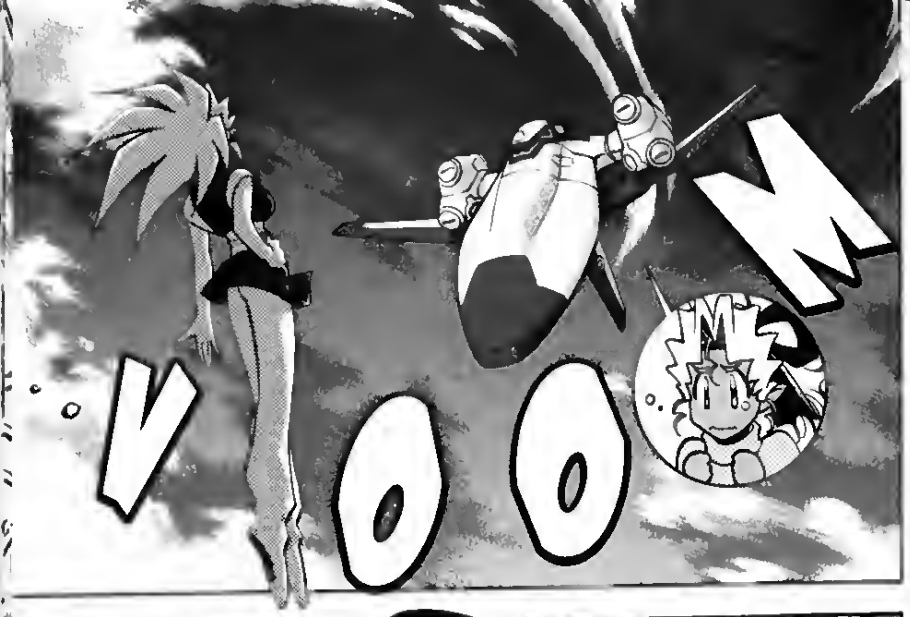
AND SO...

SASAMI'S OFF-PANEL.

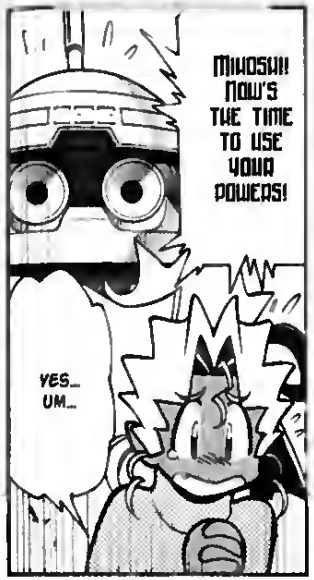

NO MATTER HOW GREAT A COINCIDENTAL GENIUS YOU MAY BE, YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME!
I HAVE BOTH WASHU'S SCIENTIFIC MIND AND *YOUR* COINCIDENTAL POWERS!
ZOOMM
OH, MY!
SHE'S LURING ME OUTSIDE. I KNEW IT.

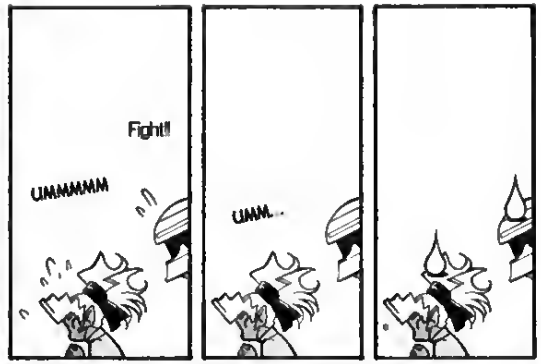


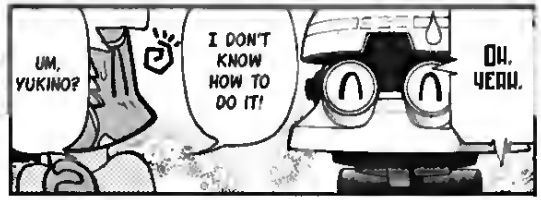


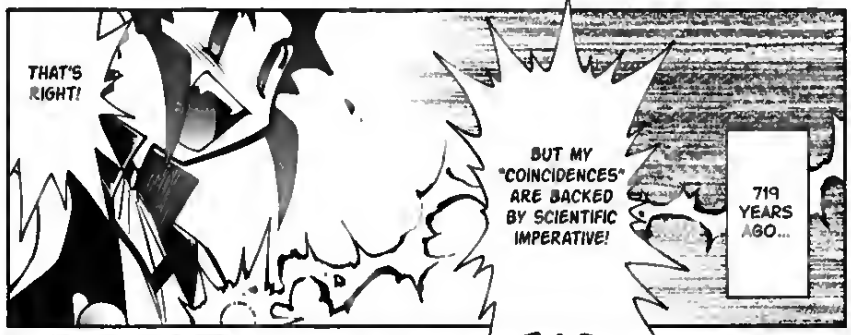

VOOOM

LAUNCH ENEMY APPREHENSION NET!
BYOO
NO USE! I HAVE WASHU'S GENIUS!
KL
AAA
YOU THINK THAT SIMPLISTIC TACTIC WILL WORK ON ME?


MIHOSHI! NOW'S THE TIME TO USE YOUR POWERS!
YES... UM...

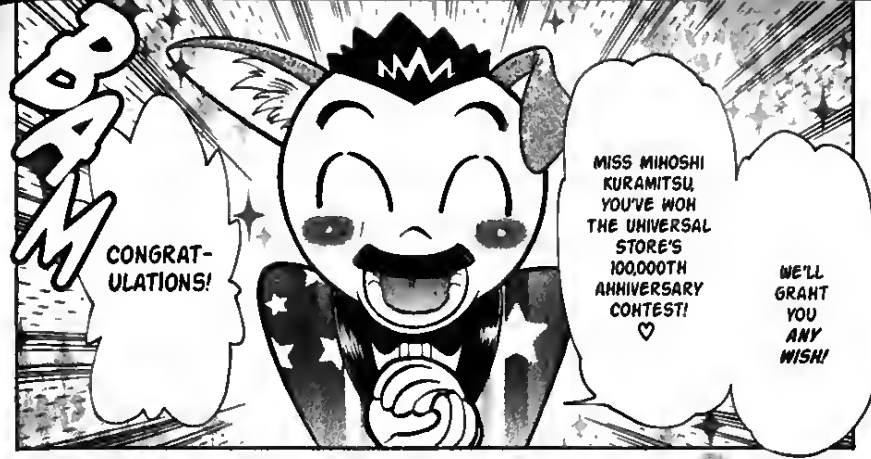

Fight!
UMMMMM
UMM...


UM, YUKINO?
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT!
OH, YEAH.


THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT MY "COINCIDENCES" ARE BACKED BY SCIENTIFIC IMPERATIVE!
719 YEARS AGO...

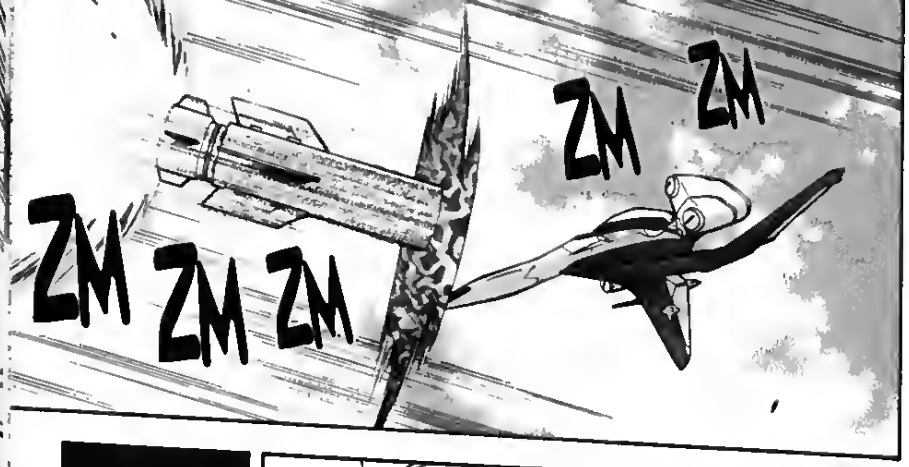
...A POOR SCIENTIST NAMED GAYLE (NOT HIS REAL NAME) DIED ALONE AT AGE 79 AFTER CHOKING ON A PRETZEL.
AT THE MOMENT OF HIS DEATH, HE HIT UPON AN ANTIDOTE TO THE DREAD DISEASE *YUM-YUM ENCEPHALO-PATHY*.

AS A RESULT, UOKICHI KURIMITSU (NOT HIS REAL NAME) RECOVERED FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH, BECAME PRESIDENT OF HIS PLANET, AND LED A SUPERIOR ADMINISTRATION.
...HE AND HIS WIFE DIVORCED!
HE ALSO WON 40 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE LOTTERY! HOWEVER, IN THE WAKE OF HIS GREAT SUCCESS...
THIS CAUSED THE PAPERBOY TO PICK UP A DROPPED WALLET...
...AND THE CHAIN OF COINCIDENCES CONTINUED...
...UNTIL THEY RESULTED IN THE INTER-CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE COMING THIS WAY!
AUGH!
THIS IS A REAL PICKLE!
VOOM


BAM
CONGRAT-ULATIONS!
MISS MIHOSHI KURAMITSU, YOU'VE WON THE UNIVERSAL STORE'S 100,000TH ANNIVERSARY CONTEST! ♡
WE'LL GRANT YOU ANY WISH!

MISS MIHOSHI! THE MISSILE!
OH!
THAT'S RIGHT! CAN YOU MOVE THE MISSILE SOMEWHERE ELSE?
SURE THING! I'LL JUST DUMP IN A SUBORDINATE SPACE!
UM...
I FOUND ONE!
SORRY, BUT DO YOU HAVE A STAMP OR ANY-THING LIKE THAT?
YUKINO! WHERE ARE THE STAMPS?
DIDN'T I GIVE THEM TO YOU?
WHERE ARE THEY?

GRMGRM
NO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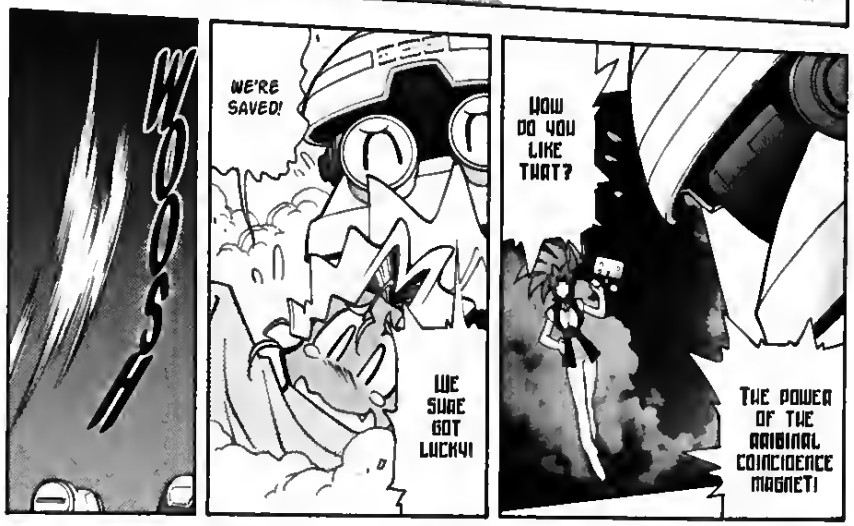

WOOSH
WE'RE SAVED!
WE SURE GOT LUCKY!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?
THE POWER OF THE ANIMAL COINCIDENCE MAGNET!

I'D LIKE TO SAY I'M IMPRESSED...
...BUT, IN THE END IT WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE.
NOW WITNESS THE POWER OF THE UPGRADE!

AT THAT MOMENT, THE DELIVERYMAN WAS SPENDING HIS TIP ON A MORE EXTRAVAGANT LUNCH THAN USUAL.
ALL RIGHT! FRESH FISH!

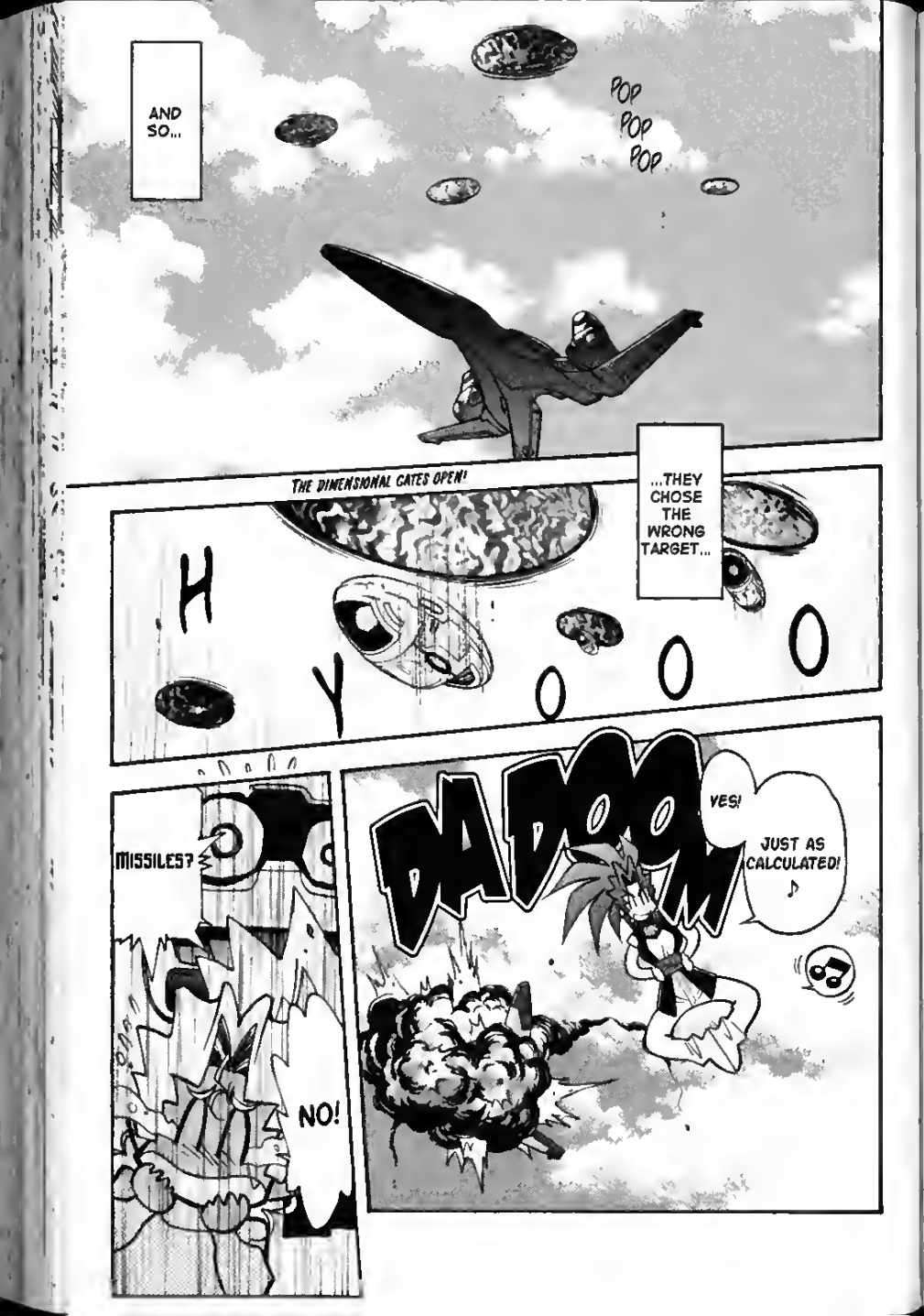
!?

HEY, OWNER! THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE FOOD!
IT WAS, IN FACT, A MICROCHIP CONTAINING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT WOULD SHAKE THE NATION OF N (NOT ITS REAL NAME)!
OH, THERE IT IS!

AFTER A SCUFFLE, THE SECRET AGENT TOOK THE CHIP.

HE TRIED TO SEND THE INFORMATION BACK TO HIS COUNTRY...
...BUT MADE THE MISTAKE OF SENDING IT TO SECRET TROOPS IN THE MIDST OF CELESTIAL NAVIGATION.

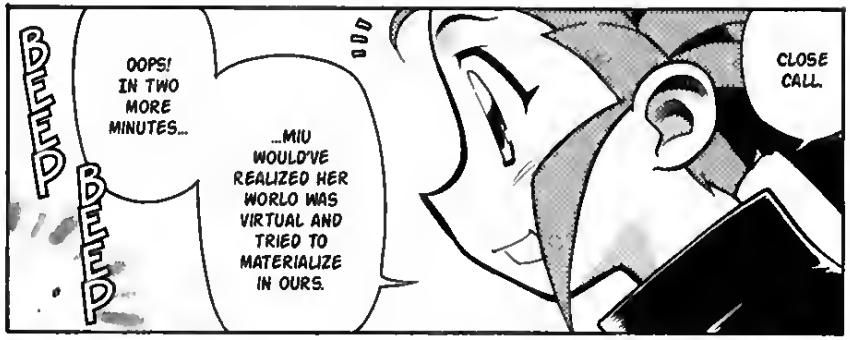
AND THAT ICBM HIT THEM! THEN THE REAL TROUBLE ENSUED!
THE ANGRY CAPTAIN DEMANDED RETALIATION!
DUE TO HIGH TEMPERS, THE CREW MADE AN ERROR!


AND SO...
POP POP POP
THE DIMENSIONAL GATES OPEN!
...THEY CHOSE THE WRONG TARGET...
H Y O O O
MISSILES?
NO!
DA DOOM
YES!
JUST AS CALCULATED! ♪

I KNEW IT'D HAPPEN, BUT IT STILL FEELS GOOD. ♡
GRD
SHE WHO CONTROLS THE MASAKI FAMILY CONTROLS THE UNIVERSE!
THIS PLANET IS MY PETRI DISH!
I CAN EXPERIMENT AS I PLEASE!
D O O O

BWAHAHAHAHA

YIKES.
GOOD THING I RAN THE SIMULATION TWICE.
HUH? WASN'T SHE CAPTURED EARLIER?
I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO THE CONFUSED READERS!
TURNS OUT THAT WASHU HAD PREPARED A TWO-LAYER SAFETY DEVICE FOR THIS SIMULATION!
HER PREDICTIONS WERE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT! BECAUSE OF HER PRECAUTIONS, A CATAS-TROPHE WAS AVOIDED!
GOOD WORK, GENIUS! YOU ARE THE HEAVEN-SENT CHILD OF SCIENCE!
NYA HA HA
WELL! ♡
I AM THE GALAXY'S NO. 1 GENIUS, AFTER ALL!


BEEP
BEEP
OOPS! IN TWO MORE MINUTES...
...MIU WOULD'VE REALIZED HER WORLD WAS VIRTUAL AND TRIED TO MATERIALIZE IN OURS.
CLOSE CALL.

BUT WASHU DIDN'T REALIZE THAT, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
WELL, I GOT SOME VALUABLE DATA THIS TIME AROUND. I GUESS I'LL CALL IT A DAY.
WASHU I BROUGHT YOU SOME TEA.
OH!
OH!
OHHH!
...THE REAL DANGER WAS CLOSING IN...
OOPS
NOW THE SWITCH TO FREEZE THE PROGRAM IS...

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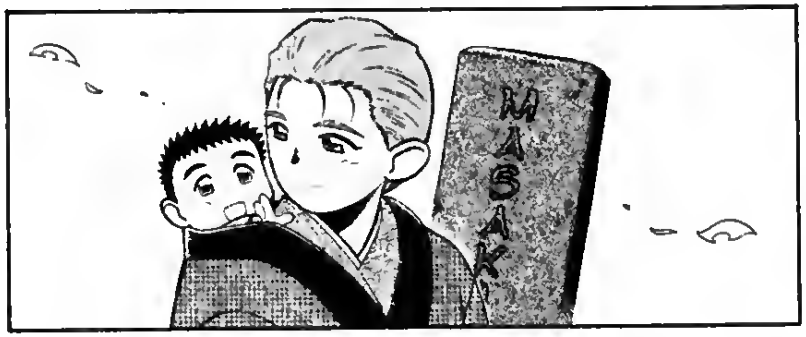
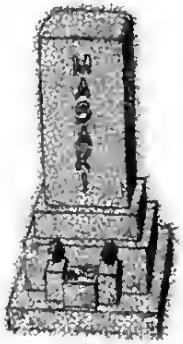
WHEN DID I START VISITING TENCHI'S MOM'S GRAVE?




IT'S NOT LIKE I THINK SHE'S REALLY THERE.

BUT I START TALKING TO HER ANYWAY.

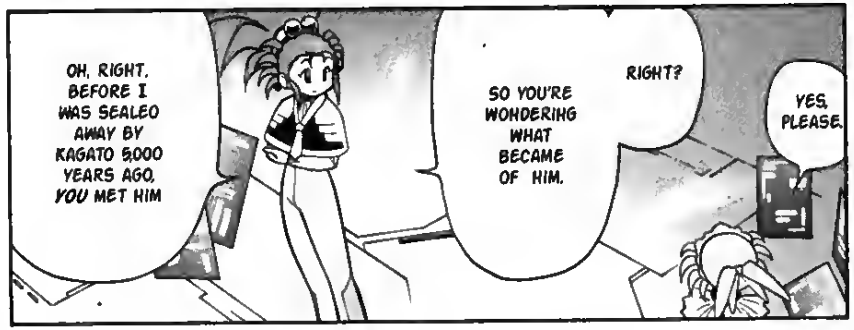
MAYBE...
...YOU'RE PART OF WHAT I LOVE ABOUT TENCHI.


MASAKI

DON'T WORRY.
I'LL PROTECT HIM.

BEEP
HUH?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAMA?
OH SORRY!
I JUST NOTICED SOMETHING WHILE I WAS GOING THROUGH THIS DATA.

THE "KAGATO" IN THIS FILE... I KNOW HIM!
FROM THE DATA, I SEE THAT HE'S PASSED AWAY...

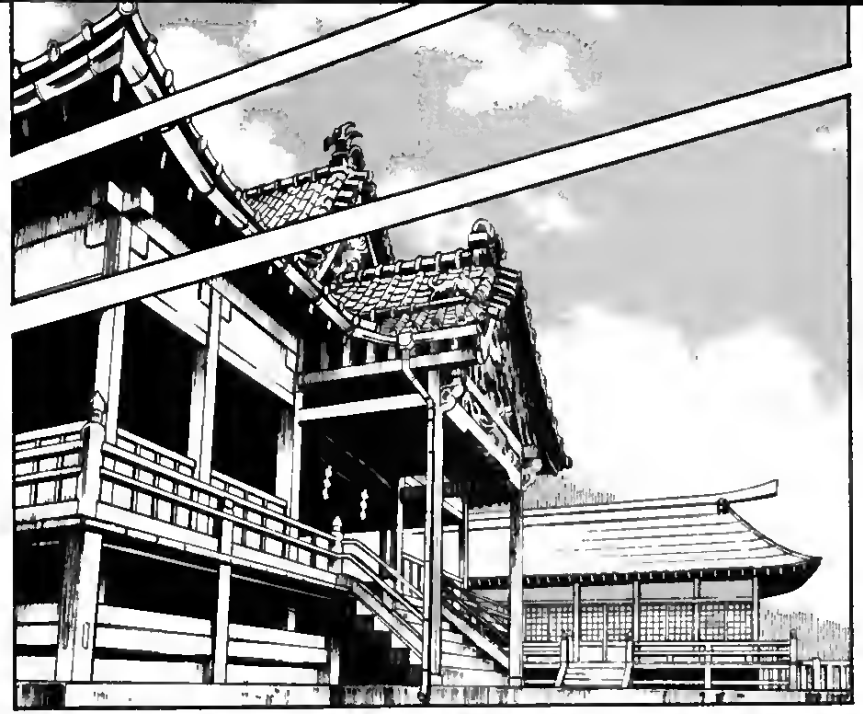

OH, RIGHT. BEFORE I WAS SEALED AWAY BY KAGATO 5,000 YEARS AGO, *YOU* MET HIM
SO YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT BECAME OF HIM.
RIGHT?
YES, PLEASE.

WELL...IT WASN'T TOO LONG AGO, BUT IT FEELS LIKE A LONG TIME NOW.
KAGATO ALMOST KILLED TENCHI.

REVIVED BY TSUNAMI, TENCHI AWOKE TO HIS POWERS.
HE STOPPED KAGATO FROM GOING WILD.
BEEP
BEEP
KAGATO DID ALL THAT?
HE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE SUCH A BAD PERSON...

IT'S WASN'T REALLY ABOUT GOOD OR EVIL.
KAGATO WANTED TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED LOGIC FOR THE UNIVERSE.
IF ANYBODY CAME IH THE WAY OF HIS OBJECTIVE, HE DION'T HESITATE TO GET RID OF THEM.
MAYBE, IH THE END, HE WAS JUST SHORT-SIGHTEO...

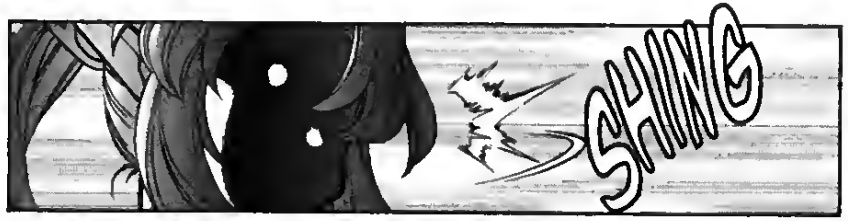
TAK
...
BIP
TAK
TAK
TAK
BEEP



HUP

TUP TUP TUP

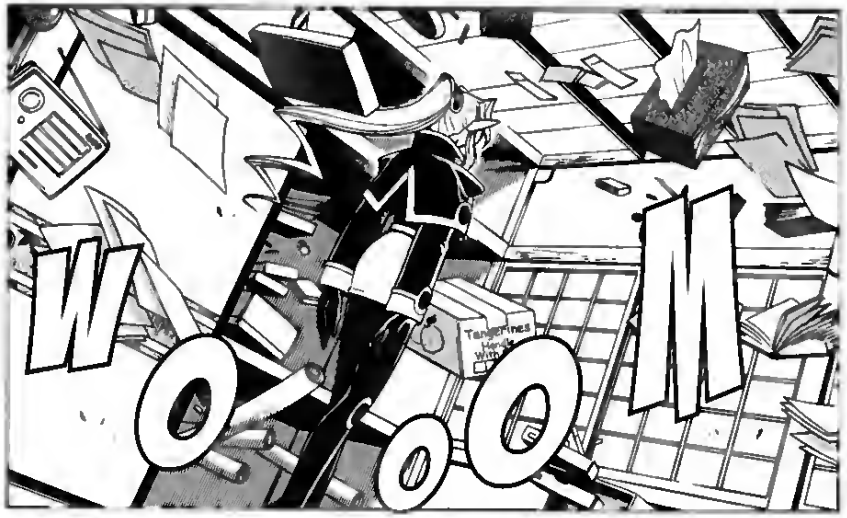
ZZZ
NG
WOOM
OOO


SHING

SHOOP
Books

BOOK

AAAA
FWA


WOOM

GR
AB

HA...
HA HA HA HA...
HA HA HA HA HA
WHUP

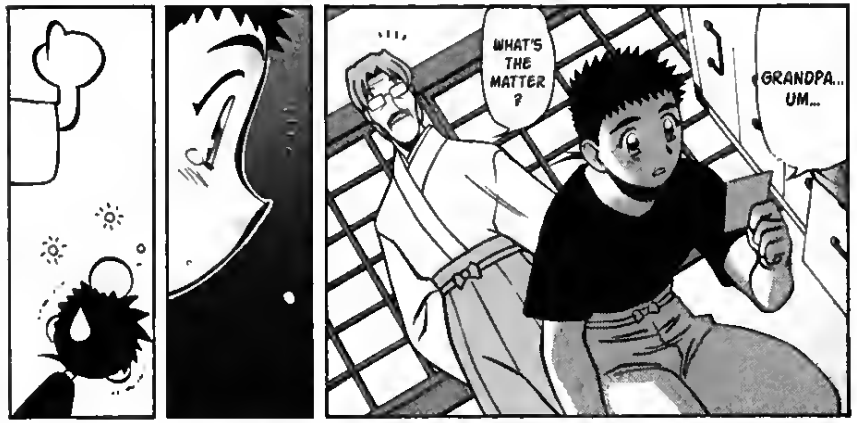
...
MOVING
DOOO

...SIGH

WELL, THEN...

CLEAN UP! CLEAN UP! ♪
WHY ME?
KRAK
KRAK
TTT

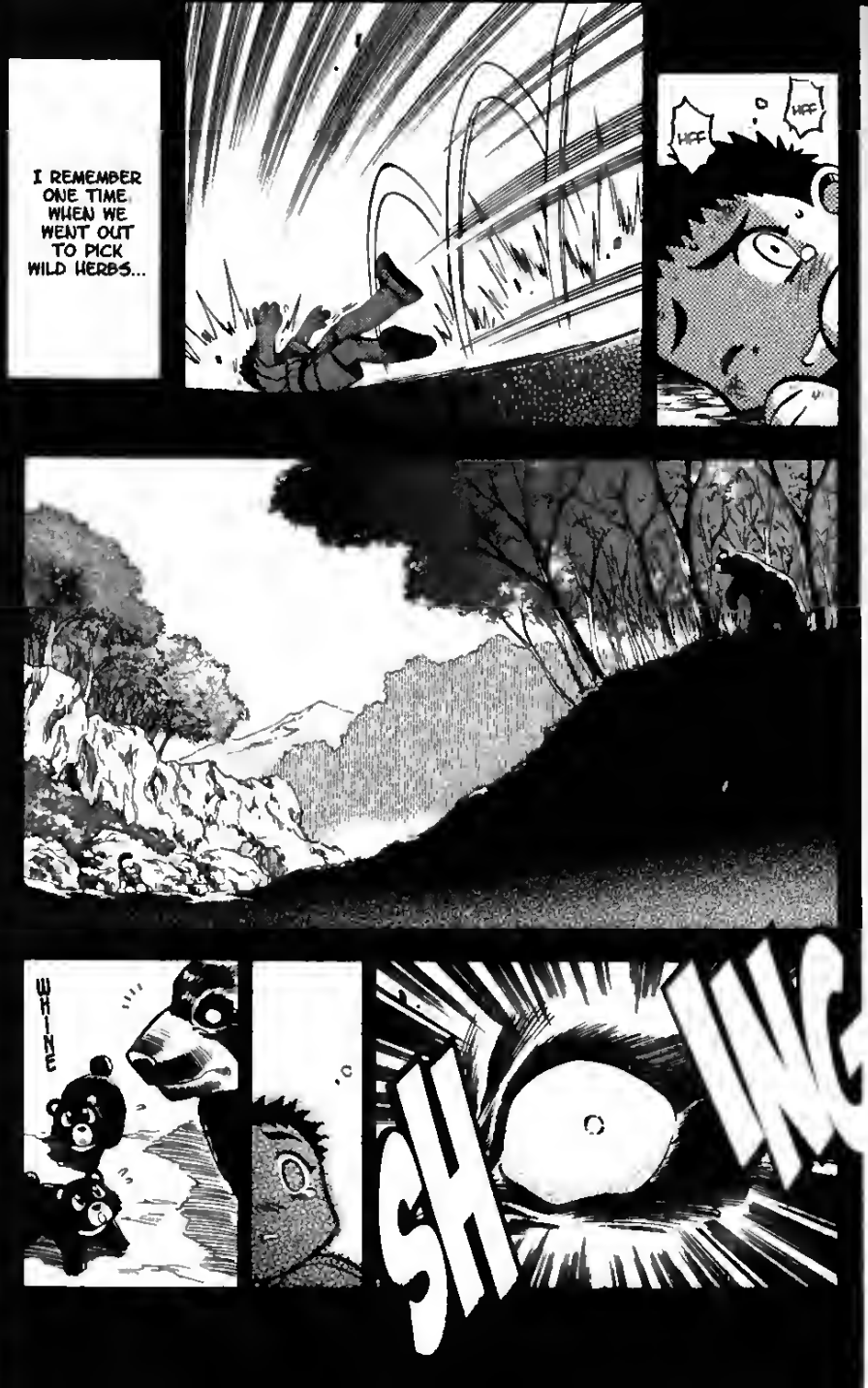
CONSIDER IT TRAINING.
HATE THE CRIME, NOT THE PERSON
TO CLEANSE THE SCENE OF A CRIME... SUCH A NOBLE DEED!
HMPH!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU HELP?


WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
GRANDPA... UM...

IF I DO THE CLEANUP...
...CAN I HAVE THIS?

SHE

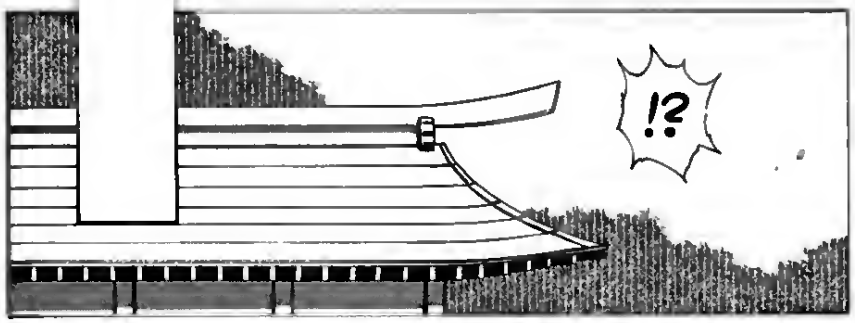
SHE WAS SO STRONG...
SO KIND...


I REMEMBER ONE TIME WHEN WE WENT OUT TO PICK WILD HERBS...
HFF
HFF
WHINE
SH ING

!!
R A A
MOM!
OH, MOM...

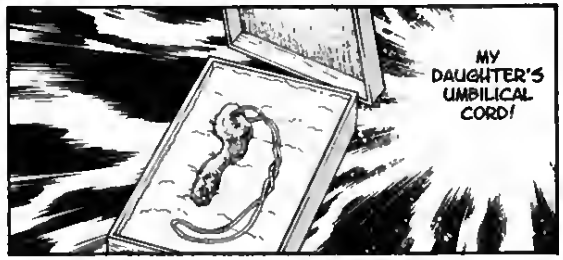
HE WAS JUST PLAYING WITH YOUR KIDS.
IT'S OKAY.
WE'D NEVER DO ANYTHING TO HURT THEM
IF YOU'RE A MOTHER...
...YOU'LL UNDER-STAND.

...


!?

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
NO OTHER VALUABLES WERE TAKEN!

IT'S GONE! I CAN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE!
COULD IT HAVE BEEN STOLEN?


MY DAUGHTER'S UMBILICAL CORD!

...

IS IT SOME NEW TYPE OF STALKER?
SOME PHOTOS ARE GONE, TOO.

A FEW DAYS LATER...
LUNCH-TIME, TENCHI!
I BROUGHT SOME FOOD!
FORGET IT! TENCHI IS GONNA EAT MY LUNCH!
HOW RUDE! YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST SIX TIMES!
TENCHI WILL EAT HIS BELOVED WIFE'S LUNCH!
WHO'S A "BELOVED WIFE"?
SHF...
KWAP

SHF
SHF
SHF
SHF
SHF
...!
...?
M...
NO...
NO WAY..
SHUF

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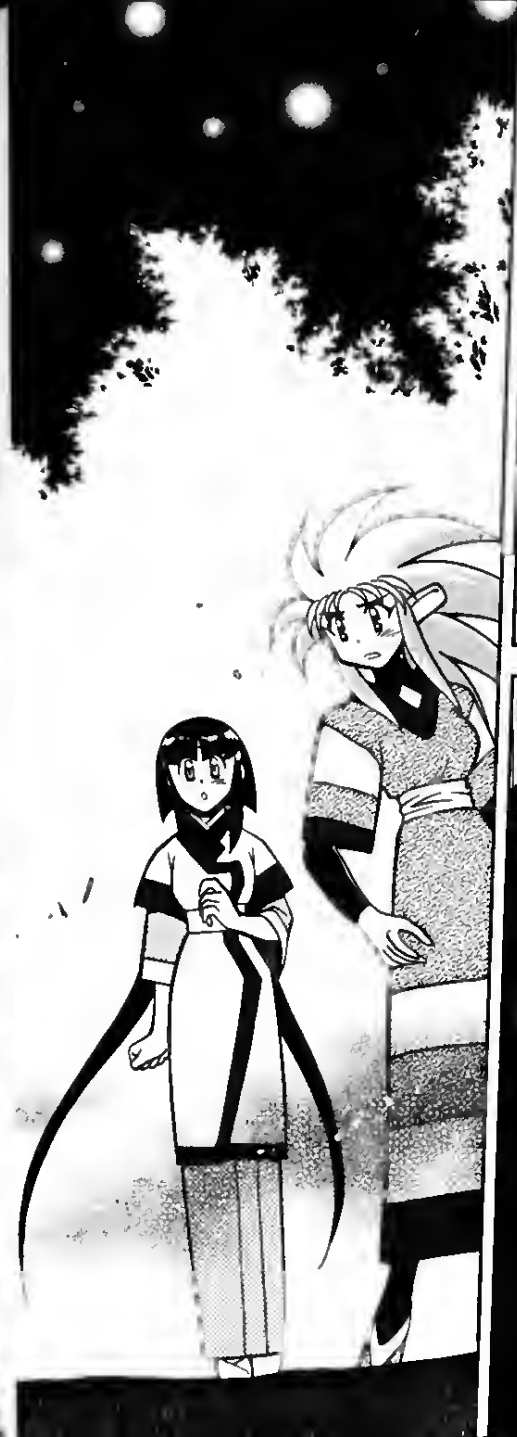
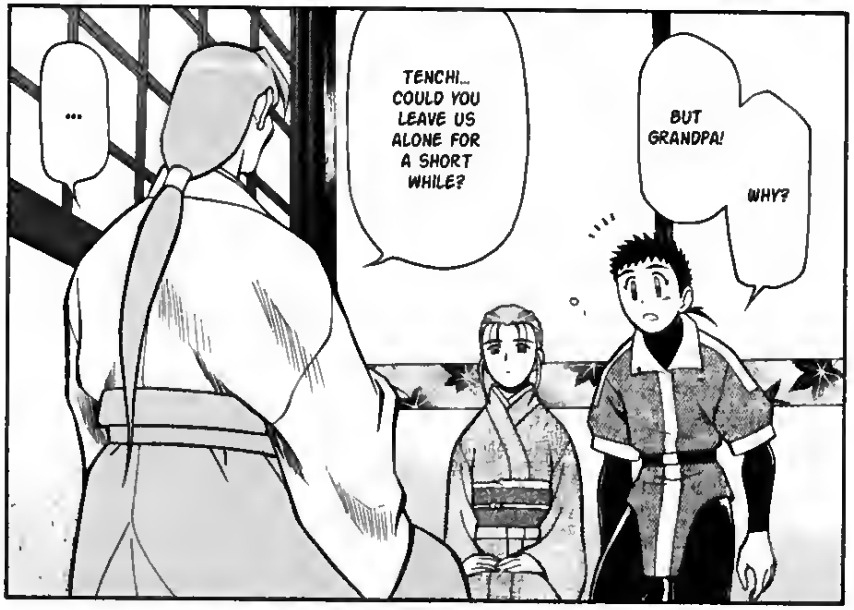
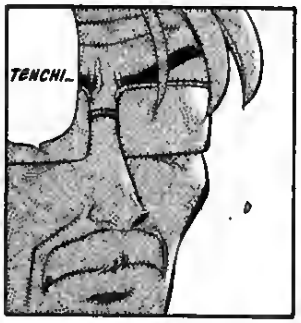
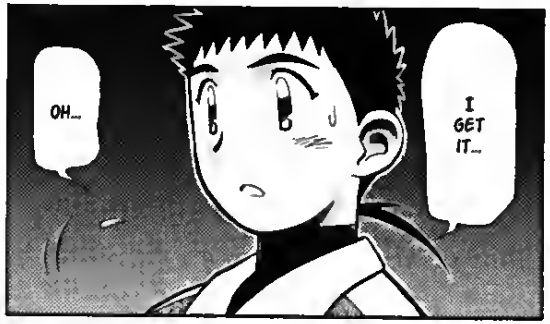


IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, DAD.
YES.


...
TENCHI... COULD YOU LEAVE US ALONE FOR A SHORT WHILE?
BUT GRANDPA!
WHY?


TENCHI...

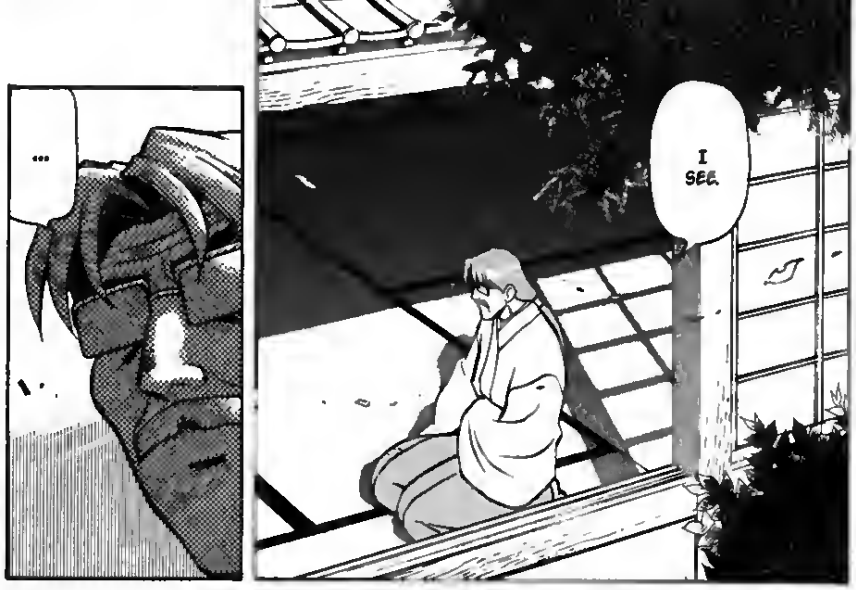

OH...
I GET IT...

SHUK...

NOW...
...I'LL BE DIRECT.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I CAME HERE TO SEE MY SON.


...
I SEE.

I...I THOUGNT YOU'D PASSED AWAY.
WNAT NAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL TNIS TIME?

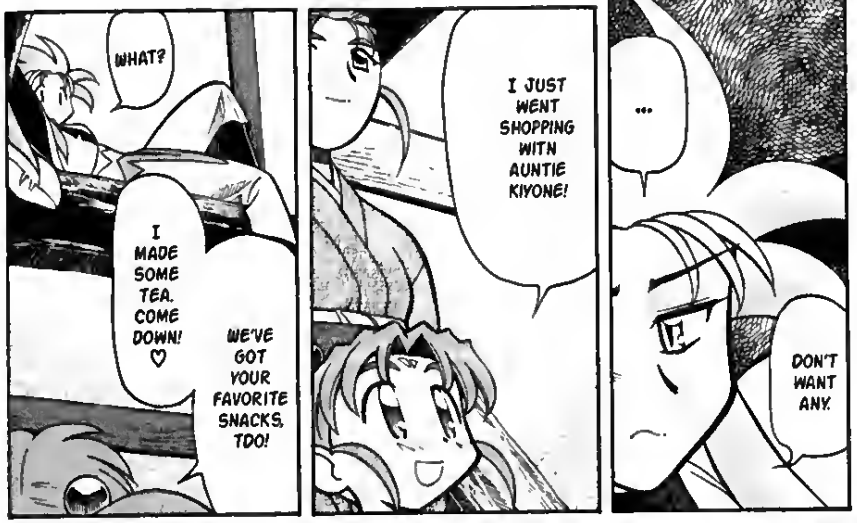
UM, MOM...
MOM...
HEH
YES?
WNAT IS IT?

I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T TELL YOU RIGNT NOW.
I...I SEE.
I'M SORRY...
IT'S FINE.
NOW...
...I WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT YOU.
AND ABOUT ALL THOSE GIRLS, TOO!

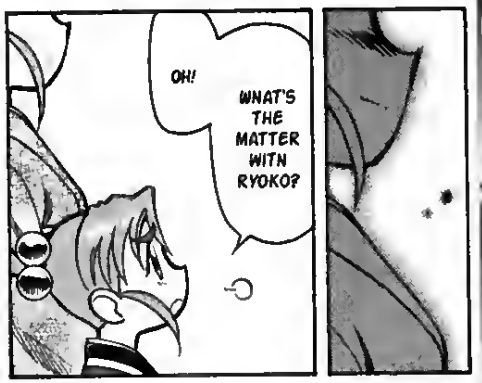
...

OKAY.
WHERE DO I BEGIN?

HEY, RYOKO!
RYOKO!


WHAT?
I MADE SOME TEA. COME DOWN! ♡
WE'VE GOT YOUR FAVORITE SNACKS, TOO!
I JUST WENT SHOPPING WITH AUNTIE KIYONE!
...
DON'T WANT ANY.

WHAT?
H-HEY...
ZAK


OH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH RYOKO?

GEEZ!
WHAT'S BUGGING ME, ANYWAY?

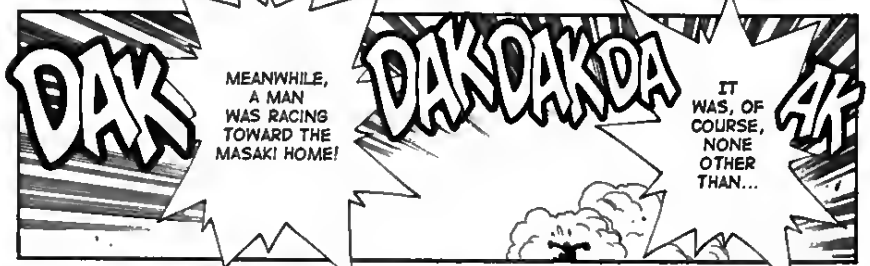
OH, NO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HAPPENED!
YEAH...BUT THE SCHOOL RYOKO DESTROYED SHOULD BE ALMOST REBUILT BY NOW.
HA HA HA...
BUT IT MUST'VE BEEH TOUGH FOR YOU TO QUIT THAT SCHOOL, AFTER YOU WORKED SO HARD TO GET IH.
POOR TENCHI...
GDD
WELL... IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL...
SHING
WH...
WHAT IS IT?

HUGHUG
OH, YOU'RE SO SWEET! ♡
KIYONE! WHAT ARE YOU THIHKIHG, FIRST THIHG IH THE MORHIHG?
OH! I SHOULD DO THIS AT NIGHT?
TH-THAT'S... NOT WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY!!
DON'T WORRY! I'M JUST SHOWING AFFECTIOH TO MY SON!
TEE HEE
...
SIGH...
NOTHING COULD STOP...

...KIYONE'S DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION.
AND NOTHING COULD STOP RYOKO AND AYEKA FROM GETTING JEALOUS!
LET ME WASH YOUR BACK!
AS FOR TENCHI, BETWEEN HIS FEAR THAT HIS MOTHER MIGHT DISAPPEAR AGAIN...
...AND HIS LONGING TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THE YEARS HE'D MISSED WITH HER...
AH...
...HE ABSORBED ALL THE AFFECTION HE COULD!!

YUP YUP
CONFERENCE: WHAT ABOUT TENCHI'S MOM?
1ST MEETING
MY FRIENDS! CAN WE ALLOW THIS TO CONTINUE?
BAM
AT THIS RATE, THE MASAKI FAMILY, ALONG WITH TENCHI, WILL BE DESTROYED!
RYOKO! RYOKO!
SASAMI, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.
TAK
I AGREE THAT TENCHI'S LETTING HIS MOM SPOIL HIM, BUT LOOK AT IT FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW.
HE THOUGHT SHE WAS DEAD ALL THIS TIME, AND NOW SHE'S BACK! IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
BAH!
YOU'RE TOO EASY ON HIM!

A PARENT IS A BARRIER A CHILD MUST OVERCOME!
IT MIGHT BE OKAY IF HE WAS A LITTLE KID...
...BUT HE SHOULD KNOW YOU CAN'T RELY ON PARENTS!
CRUSH THEM! DESTROY THEM! ANNIHILATE THEM!
THIS IS GETTING PERSONAL

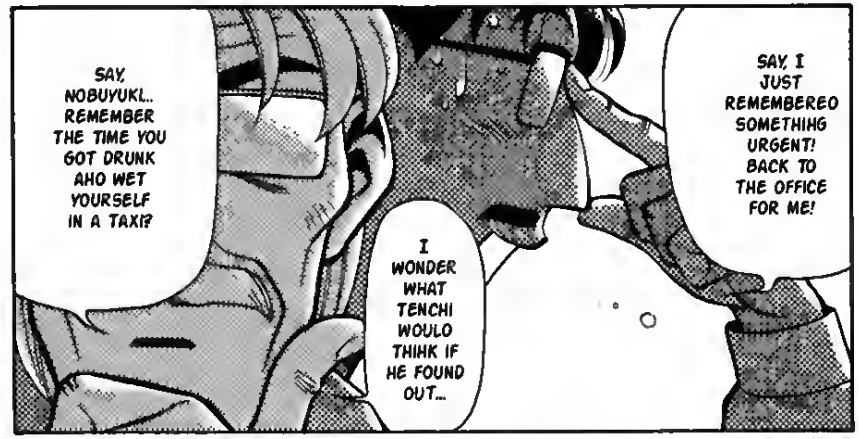

DAK
MEANWHILE, A MAN WAS RACING TOWARD THE MASAKI HOME!
DAKDAKDA
IT WAS, OF COURSE, NONE OTHER THAN...
AK

SOB!
KIYONE!!
...TENCHI'S FATHER, THE UNASSUMING BREADWINNER OF THE HOUSEHOLD, NOBUYUKI MASAKI!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU FOOL!

ARGH
IS IT TRUE? KI... KIYOHE...
YES, SHE'S HERE.
THEN LET ME IN!

NOW, WAIT, NOBUYUKI!
ZOOM
THIS SITUATION IS VERY PECULIAR. FRANKLY, IT'S CHAOS.

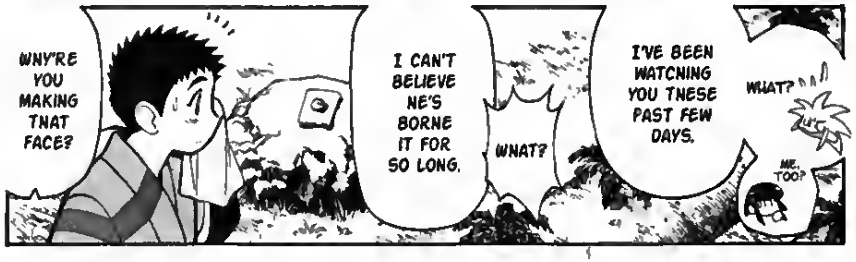
I CAN'T TOSS A HUMAN GRENADE LIKE YOU INTO THE MESS!
WAP
WAP
HEY! COME ON!

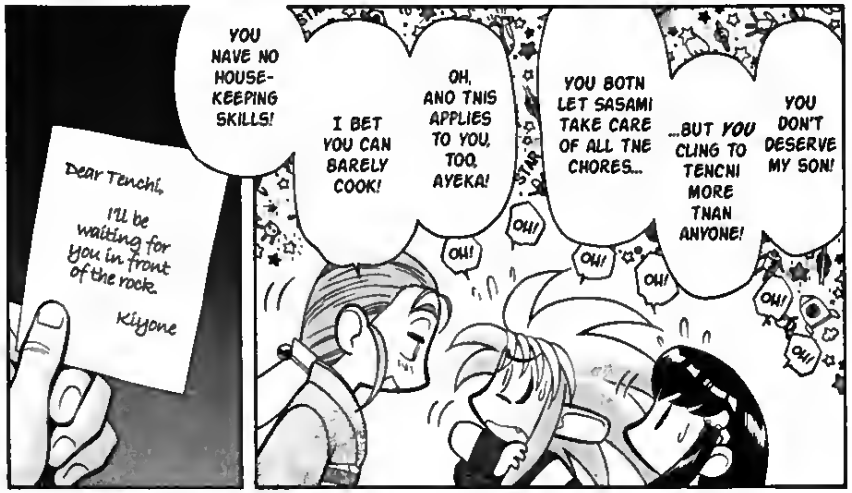

SAY, NOBUYUKI... REMEMBER THE TIME YOU GOT DRUNK AHO WET YOURSELF IN A TAXI?
I WONDER WHAT TENCHI WOULD THINK IF HE FOUND OUT...
SAY, I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING URGENT! BACK TO THE OFFICE FOR ME!

FORGIVE ME, NOBUYUKI...

...BUT THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD

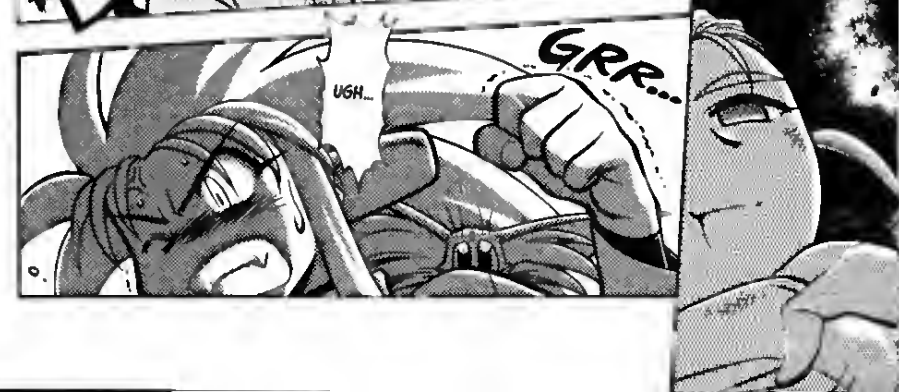
HUH?
Y'KNOW, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
...STOP PAWING AT TENCHI!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING!
BECAUSE OF YOU, TENCHI'S ALL MESSED UP!


WHY'RE YOU MAKING THAT FACE?
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S BORNE IT FOR SO LONG.
WHAT?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU THESE PAST FEW DAYS.
WHAT?
ME, TOO?


Dear Tenchi,
I'll be waiting for you in front of the rock.
Kiyone
YOU HAVE NO HOUSE-KEEPING SKILLS!
I BET YOU CAN BARELY COOK!
OH, AND THIS APPLIES TO YOU, TOO, AYEKA!
YOU BOTH LET SASAMI TAKE CARE OF ALL THE CHORES...
...BUT YOU CLING TO TENCHI MORE THAN ANYONE!
YOU DON'T DESERVE MY SON!
OH!
OH!
OH!
OH!
OH!
OH!
OH!

I SEE.
YOU'RE JEALOUS.

BAM!


UGH...
GRR...
WEH...

WELL? AREN'T YOU GOING TO HIT ME?
RYOKO! STOP! DON'T TAKE IT ANY FURTHER!

YOU'RE SO SLY, AYEKA...ALWAYS PLAYING THE GOODY-TWO-SHOES.

HUH?
KIYONE?

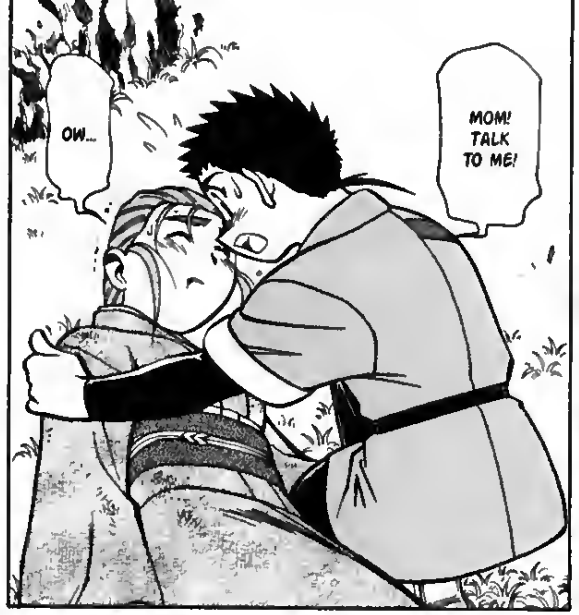
IT MAKES ME SICK TO WATCH TRASH LIKE YOU FLIRTING WITH MY TENCHI!

WAP

...!
AH!
I...
I...

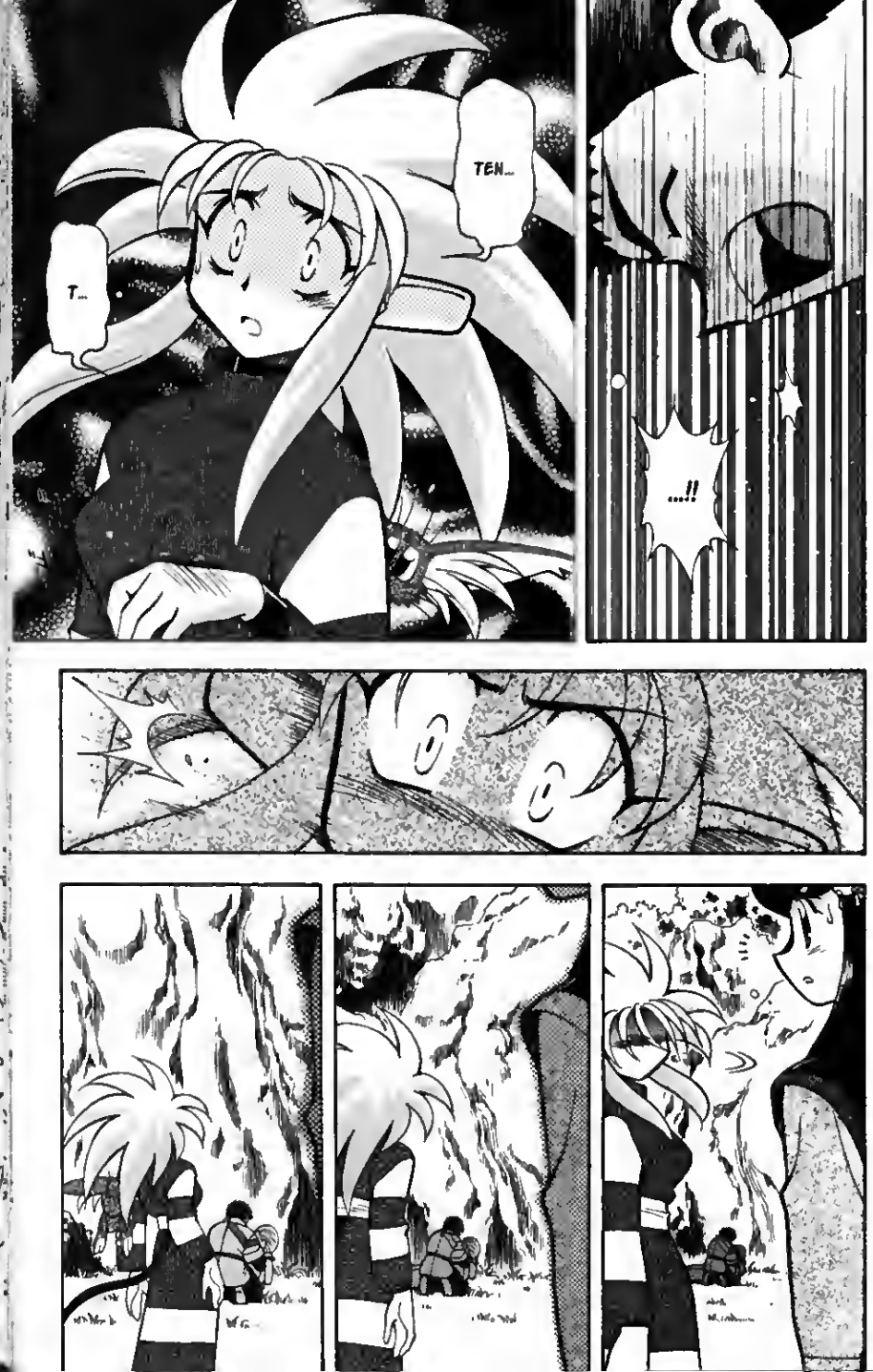
RYOKO!!
OH
UM...
TENCHI...

MOM!
DAKKA
UGH...
MOM! ARE YOU OKAY?
TENCHI!
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! LISTEN TO ME!


OW...
MOM! TALK TO ME!

HEY...
OH OH
T-TENCHI...

WAP


T...
TEN...
...!!

RYOKO..

CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK

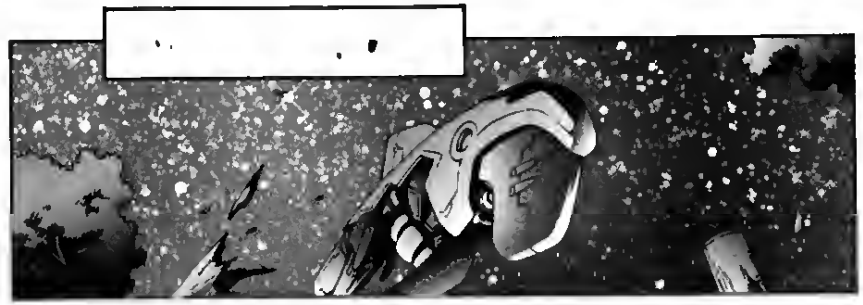
SUSU~

SASAMI? WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
HMM.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED.

AYEKA HAS LOCKED HERSELF UP IN WASHU'S LABORATORY...

...AND RYOKO SEEMS TO HAVE GONE OUT INTO SPACE WITH RYO-OH-KI.

GO AWAY!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU RIGHT NOW!
GO AWAY!
GO!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU!
GO AWAY!
GO!
GO!
SOB...
MRR?
MEOW..
HIC...
HIC...
SOB...



REPORTING.
SO FAR, ALL IS GOING SMOOTHLY...

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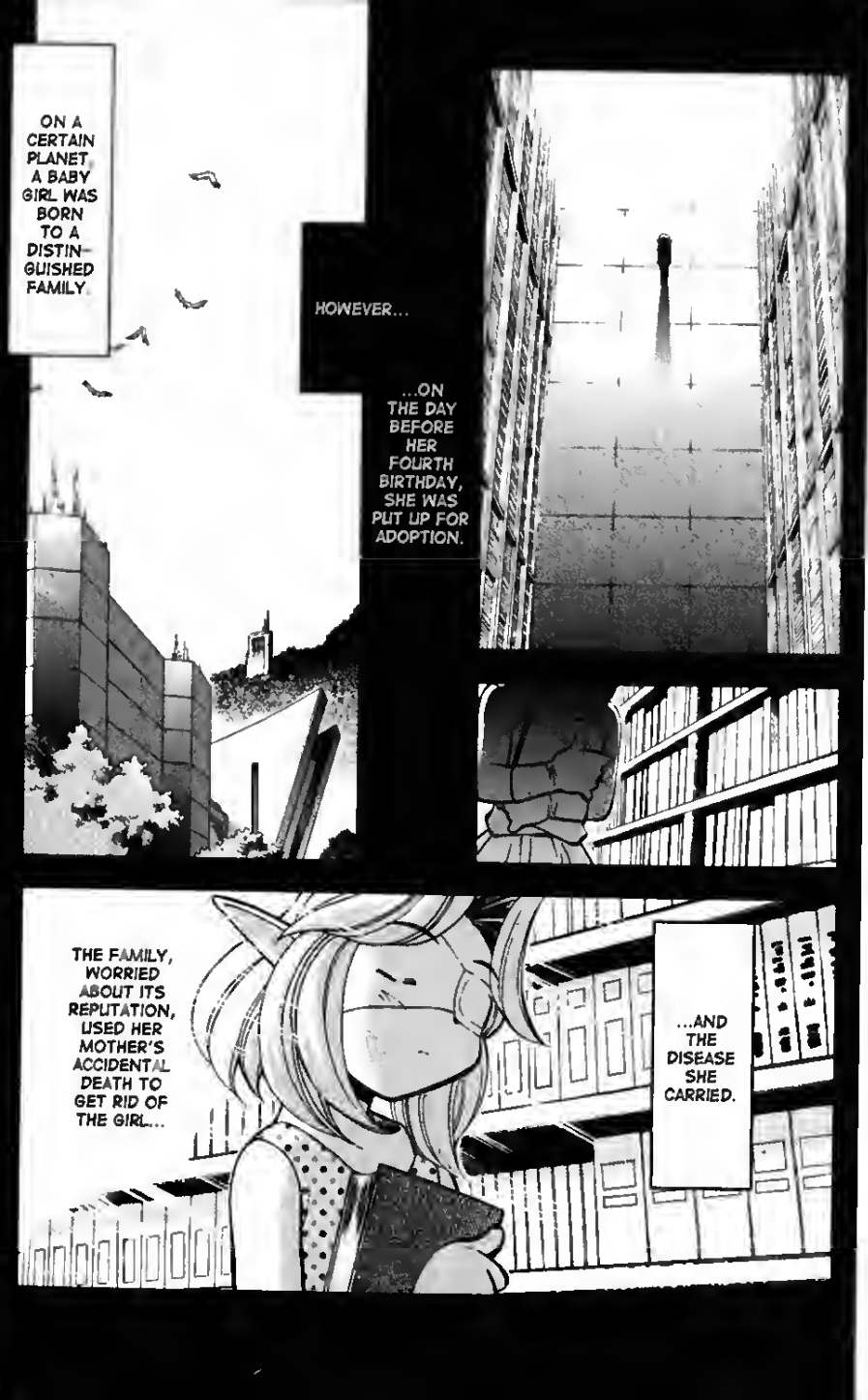
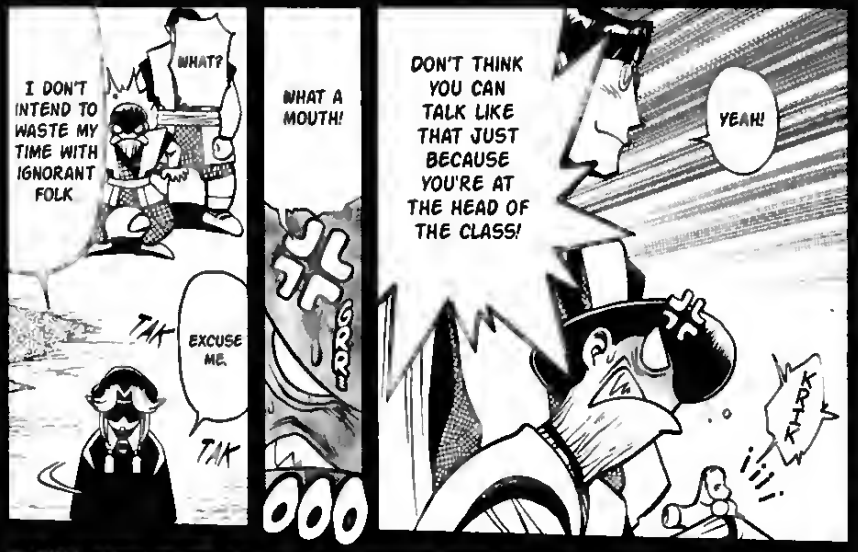

ON A CERTAIN PLANET, A BABY GIRL WAS BORN TO A DISTINGUISHED FAMILY.
HOWEVER...
...ON THE DAY BEFORE HER FOURTH BIRTHDAY, SHE WAS PUT UP FOR ADOPTION.
THE FAMILY, WORRIED ABOUT ITS REPUTATION, USED HER MOTHER'S ACCIDENTAL DEATH TO GET RID OF THE GIRL...
...AND THE DISEASE SHE CARRIED.

THE GIRL'S NAME WAS SUZUKA
SHE WAS ILL WITH THE FATAL DISEASE MAGATO
BRUISES WOULD SPREAD OVER HER BODY. EVENTUALLY THESE BRUISES WOULD BLEED, CAUSING SEVERE PAIN AND ULTIMATELY DEATH.
SHE MIGHT STILL BE CURED SOMEDAY!
IT'S TOO CRUEL TO EXILE SUCH A YOUNG CHILD FROM THE FAMILY!
FORGET THAT! PEOPLE WILL SUSPECT OUR ENTIRE FAMILY HAS BEEN INFECTED!
WE MUST GET RID OF HER!
AN ECCENTRIC SCIENTIST TOOK SUZUKA ALONG WITH A HUGE AMOUNT OF CONSOLATION MONEY.
HER ONLY FRIENDS WERE THOUSANDS OF BOOKS. THE VOICES OF LOST GENERATIONS.

I WILL CONQUER MY CURSED DESTINY!
AFTER TIRELESS EFFORT, SHE WAS ACCEPTED AS A SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT AT AN ACADEMY THAT ONLY CHOSE FROM THE ELITE OF THE GALAXY.
SHE THREW HERSELF INTO HER RESEARCH.
IT SEEMED TO BE HER TRIUMPH OVER THE FAMILY THAT HAD EXILED HER.
BUT PREJUDICE EXISTS EVERYWHERE...
HEY, SCHOLARSHIP KID!
...

I KNOW THOSE SUNGLASSES!
YEAH!
HA HA HA HA
THEY'RE TO HIDE THE HIDEOUS HANKON THAT COME FROM MAGATO...
UH-OH! HOPE I DON'T GET INFECTED!
OUR GREAT ACADEMY HAD BETTER NOT GET CONTAMINATED!
...
EVERYONE KNOWS THIS DISEASE IS NOT CONTAGIOUS.
YOUR STATEMENT HAS NO MERIT.


I DON'T INTEND TO WASTE MY TIME WITH IGNORANT FOLK
WHAT?
TAK
EXCUSE ME.
TAK
WHAT A MOUTH!
GRRR
DON'T THINK YOU CAN TALK LIKE THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE AT THE HEAD OF THE CLASS!
YEAH!
KRIK

!
WUP
WUP

KK
AK
SP
AK
AHHH!
AK
SP
AK

AH!
AHH!

HA
THIS ISN'T YOUR EVERYDAY ELECTRIC SHOCK
I CAN PLAY WITH YOUR BODY'S PULSE CONTROL.
HA
HA
HA
HA

SEE? LIKE THIS!
PIP

BAM

HA HA HA! NOW, WHAT EMBARRASSING POSE DO YOU WANT TO STRIKE?
PAK
PAKK
I CAN SEND A 3D PRINT TO EVERYBODY AT THE ACADEMY, AS MY GIFT TO YOU.
JUST TRY IT!
I PROMISE I WILL SLASH YOUR THROAT FOR THIS.
OOO, BIG TALK!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
OKAY, WHAT TO DO FIRST...
WHIP

!!
BOOM
WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHO DID THAT?
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
THE ACADEMY'S STANDARDS CERTAINLY HAVE DECLINED.

QUITE A FEW OF YOU ARE UNWORTHY OF THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.
KAGATO
YOU'RE TOO BLINDED BY APPEARANCES TO SEE SOMEONE'S TRUE VALUE. SIMPLY APPALLING.
...!
WHO ARE YOU?
ARE YOU WITH HER?
YEAH!
INSTINCTIVELY, SUZUKA FELT THE MAN'S POWERFUL AURA.
THE FEELING OVER-WHELMED HER.

SHE WANTED TO WORSHIP HIM.
B-DUMP
B-DUMP
TAK
TAK
WH...
DO YOU WANT TO FIGHT?

SHUD...
HUH?

SHF...
OH...
OH...

MISS SUZUKA. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF READING YOUR RESEARCH REPORT.
THERE ARE SOME MINOR POINTS THAT NEED POLISH, BUT I FELT THAT YOUR LOGIC AND ABILITY TO PINPOINT ISSUES WERE QUITE EXCELLENT.
TO PURSUE PROFOUND KNOWLEDGE ONE MUST HAVE THE GROUNDING AND THE QUALIFICATIONS.
...AND YOU HAVE THOSE.
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!
GAH
YOU APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE TO STEAL MY TOY?
THEN I'LL PLAY WITH YOU INSTEAD!
HMPH!
BOOM
WHOA!
ZAP
HEY!
I...I CAN'T MOVE...
BINT
STAY STILL, IGNORANT ONE.
I DON'T INTEND TO DIRTY MY HANDS WITH YOUR KIND OF FILTH.

SUZUKA HAD NEVER BELIEVED IN GODS.

BUT ON THAT DAY, SHE MET HERS.

SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT, SUZUKA LEFT THE ACADEMY TO FOLLOW KAGATO.

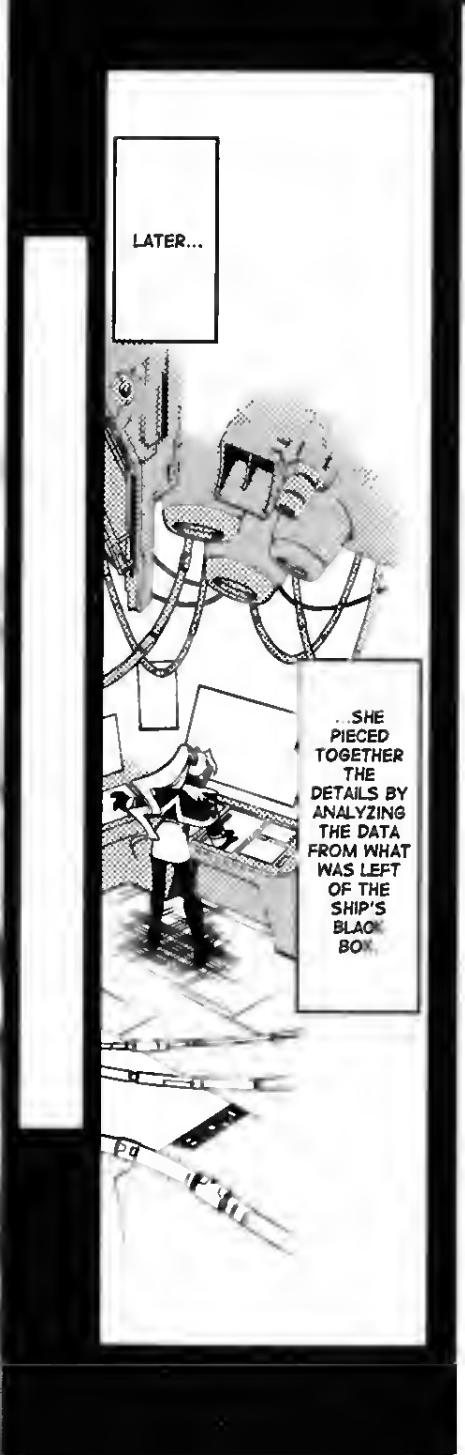
KAGATO GAVE SUZUKA ALL THE KNOWLEDGE SHE DESIRED, AND SUZUKA DID ANYTHING THAT KAGATO ASKED.

SEVERAL CENTURIES PASSED.
OOOH
FW
SUZUKA HAD JUST SPENT A FEW YEARS INVESTIGATING A PREHISTORIC RUIN FOR KAGATO.
SHE WAS HEADING BACK TO HIM WITH MORE THAN ENOUGH DATA UNDER HER BELT.

HOWEVER, SHE NEVER TRIED TO GET RID OF HER BRUISES.
SHE KNEW KAGATO DISLIKED THOSE WHO ALTERED THEIR OUTWARD APPEARANCE. BUT, BEYOND THAT...

...SHE BELIEVED THAT HER BRUISES TIED HER TO KAGATO.

A FEW HOURS LATER, SHE SAW IT.
DOOM
...!
...
OH...
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG...
...MASTER KAGATO.
GRP..
B-DMP
B-DMP
THESE PAST FEW YEARS FELT LIKE CENTURIES.
MASTER SUZUKA...
MASTER SUZUKA!
THERE IS NO RESPONSE FROM KAGATO'S SHIP!
!?
WHAT? WE'VE BEEN IN COMMUNI-CATION RANGE FOR A WHILE NOW!
WE CAN'T BE SURE BUT THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO...
COULD IT BE?



SHE LEARNED ABOUT THOSE WHO HAD HARMED KAGATO...

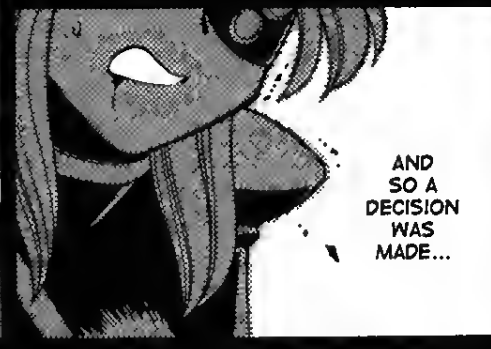
...AND...

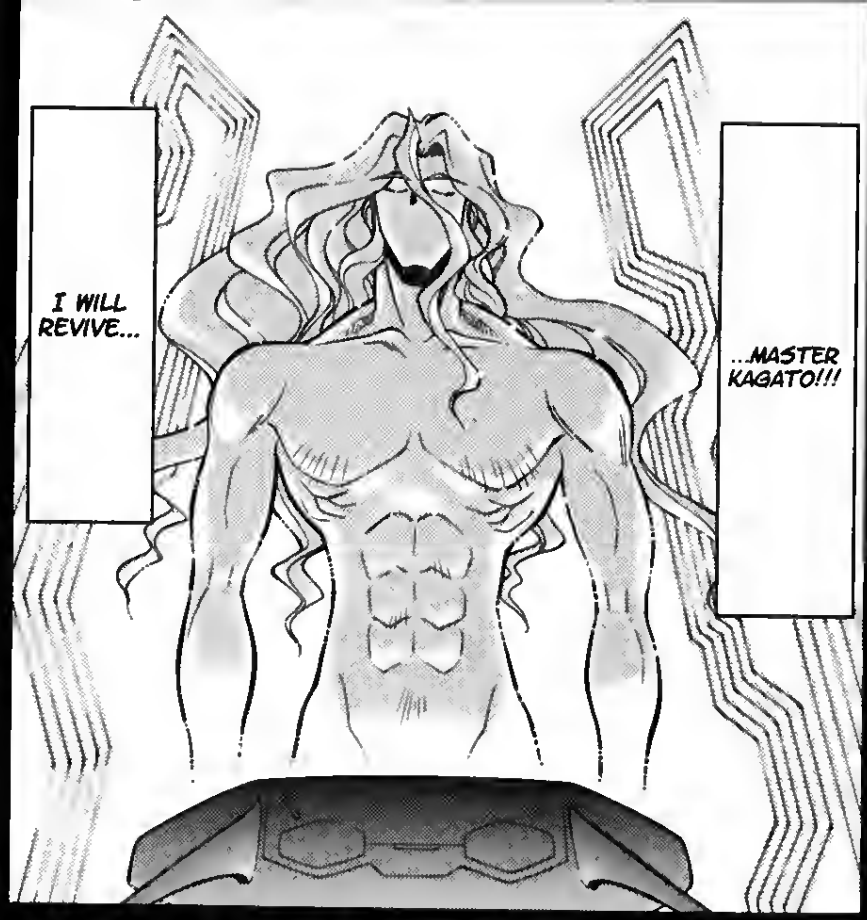
...THE MAN SHE HAD TO DESTROY!

AT THIS POINT, IT LOOKS LIKE EVEN I CAN'T BE REVIVED.
I SEE...
I'VE BEEN DEFEATED... YOUNG MAN...

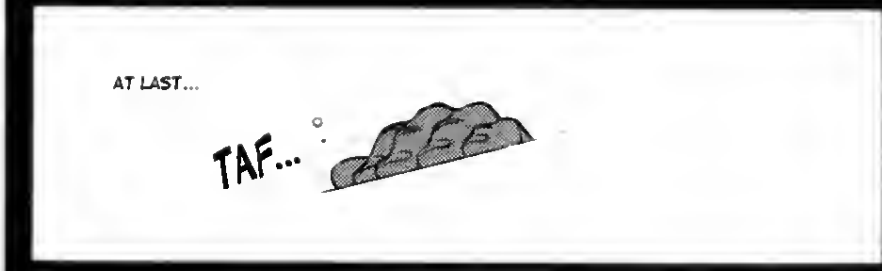
AH
NO!!!
B

NO!
HE HAS NOT LOST!!
THERE'S NO WAY MASTER KAGATO COULD HAVE LOST!


AND SO A DECISION WAS MADE...


I WILL REVIVE...
...MASTER KAGATO!!!

SUZUKA HAD BEEN ABLE TO EXTRACT A SMALL AMOUNT OF KAGATO'S TISSUE.
SHE HAD STUDIED CLONING TECHNOLOGIES WHILE RESEARCHING HER OWN DISEASE.

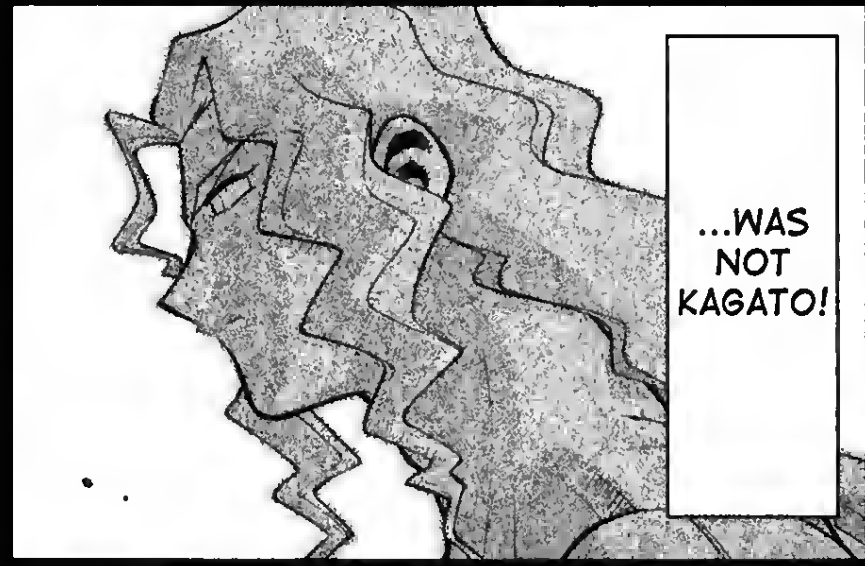

AT LAST...
TAF...

...IT WAS COMPLETED.

OH.
OH!
MASTER KAGATO...
I'M SO GLAD...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...
...MASTER SUZUKA.

SHE WAS EVEN ABLE TO COPY HIS MEMORY.
BUT THE THING STANDING BEFORE HER...


...WAS NOT KAGATO!

THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
I WAS SO CONFIDENT! I NEVER IMAGINED I COULD FAIL!
SHOULD I START OVER?
SHOULD I DELETE THE CLONE?

BUT EVEN IF IT WASN'T THE REAL KAGATO, THE BODY WAS KAGATO'S.
SHE COULDN'T DESTROY IT.
HER FEELINGS FOR KAGATO TORMENTED HER.
SHE SUFFERED!

IN TIME...
...SHE MADE A DECISION.
SHE COULDN'T BE THE ONLY ONE TO ENDURE SUCH PAIN.
I'LL MAKE HIM SUFFER EVERY BIT AS MUCH...
...THE CRIMINAL WHO SLAUGHTERED MY DEITY!

I'LL GIVE FALSE LIFE TO THE PERSON HE TREASURES THE MOST...

...AND LET HIM SUFFER THE CRUELEST DEATH IMAGINABLE!

YES.

AS YOU WISH, MASTER SUZUKA...

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